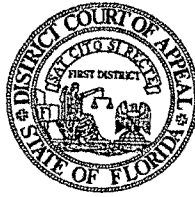


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**Zion Motheus Ward**  
Appellant

Alachua County Clerk of Circuit and County Court  
Lower Court/Tribunal/State Agency

v.

**State of Florida**  
Appellee

**01-2025-CF-002653-A**  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
Plaintiff,

ZION MOTHEUS WARD  
Defendant,

CASE NO. 2025-CF-002653-A

NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT Defendant/Appellant, through his undersigned counsel and pursuant to Statute 924.06, Fla.Stat.and FlaR.App.P.9140(b)(1) appeals to the circuit court the Judgement and Sentence of the Defendant being the date of February 16 2026, in the above-styled cause. The Defendant having pled out to Written Threats to Kill, Do Bodily Injury, or Conduct a Mass Shooting and was sentenced to 18 months Department of Corrections.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of the foregoing were filed with the Clerk of Court and the Office of the State Attorney, ([eservice@sao8.org](mailto:eservice@sao8.org)), Zion Ward, Alachua Couty Jail, by electronic mail/US. Mail, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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