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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
The Honorable Donald W. Beatty
Chief Justice, South Carolina Supreme Court

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

RE: Financial Assistance For Obtaining Transcript of Proceedings

Dear Clerk Howard and Chief Justice Beatty:

I write seeking to inform you that I intend to appeal this Court's and the Cherokee County Court of Common Pleas PCR Court's decision denying ~~and~~ and declining to grant discretionary certiorari review of my PCR action.

The lower court case number is 2019-CP-11-0457 and the Appellate Cue No. is 2022-000750.

I write to inform you that a hearing was convened in the action at the Spartanburg County Courthouse on March 31, 2022, before Judge J. Derham Cole. April P. Herren served as Court Reporter for the proceeding and has informed me that there is an approximate cost of \$143.75 associated with providing me a transcribed verbatim copy of the proceeding.

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I also inform you that there were audio recordings (Audio Deposition) which are intended to be transcribed verbatim and made a part of the record in the case. These audio recordings were cited in my pleadings and the Court was put on notice of their existence and need for Certified Transcription of the same.

I inform you that I am an indigent prisoner who is in fact employed in the South Carolina Department of Corrections, however, I am not allowed to earn wages for my employment due to South Carolina Laws and the Thirteenth Amendment of the United States' Slavery Exception Clause. I am a pauper not by my own free will.

The above mentioned Certified Transcriptions are needed for meaningful appellate review of this case. In the interest of Due Process, Equal Protection, and Fundamental Fairness as guaranteed by the United States Constitution, I request that this Court would assist me by providing the sufficient funding which would cover the costs for the above mentioned Certified Transcriptions.

Lane v Brown, 372 US 477, 83 Sct 768 (1963) ("Equal Protection of the law requires that a state with an appellate system which makes available trial transcripts to those who can afford them must provide as adequate appellate review to indigent defendants."); Mayer v City of Chicago, 404 US 189, 92 Sct

410 (1971) ("Whether appeal [] is discretionary or as of right does not affect indigent's right to transcript, since indigents must have the same opportunities to invoke the discretion of the court as those who can afford the cost."); Williams v Peyton, 297 F. Supp. 857 (1969) ("Refusal to provide an indigent [prisoner] a free transcript of the record constitutes a denial of fundamental constitutional rights"); Griffin v Illinois, 351 US 12, 76 Sct 585 (1956) (The United States Supreme Court holding unconstitutional a requirement that indigents pay a fee to receive a trial transcript that was essential for bringing an appeal.); Orbe v True, 233 F. Supp. 2d 749 (2002) ("[F]ailure to provide indigent petitioners equal access to post-conviction proceedings is a violation of the federal constitution."); Lane v Brown, 372 US 477, 83 Sct 768 (1963) (indigent prisoners must not be barred an opportunity for meaningful post-conviction review because of their inability to afford transcripts); Mayer v City of Chicago, 404 US 189, 92 Sct 410 (1971) ("In all cases the duty of the state is to provide the indigent with as adequate and effective appellate review as that given appellants with funds and, in terms of trial record, this means that the state must afford the indigent a record of sufficient completeness to permit proper

Consideration of his claims."); Jones v Superintendent, Virginia State Farm, 460 F2d 150 (1972) ("It is [] clear that when a need for a transcript in order to collaterally attack a conviction is shown, equal protection and due process require the state to furnish an indigent prisoner such transcript without charge.")

Without the mentioned transcripts being provided along with sufficient funding which will allow me to compare a complete record for appellate review, such appellate review would be no more than an empty shell and thus not meaningful and effective appellate review, as the appellate court is constrained by its standard of review and the contents which are within the record.

Simply put, fundamental fairness and equity should counsel that the costs for acquiring the mentioned transcripts should be provided in this case and circumstance.

Mayer v City of Chicago, 404 US 189, 92 Sct 410 (1971) ("[An] indigent [pauper] must be afforded as effective an appeal as the [party] who can pay."); Smith v Robbins, 528 US 259, 120 Sct 746 (2000) ("[] Justice may not be conditioned on the ability to pay."); Griffin v Illinois, 351 US 12, 76 Sct 585 (1956) ("There can be no equal Justice

Where the kind of trial a man gets depends on the amount of money he has."); Jones v Leagan, 384 SC 1, 19, 681 SE2d 6, 16 (2009) ("Courts have the inherent power to do all things reasonably necessary to ensure that just results are reached to the fullest extent possible."); N.A.A.C.P. v Meese, 615 F.Supp. 200 (1985) ("One of the basic principles, one of the glories of the American system of Justice is that the courthouse door is open to everyone - the humblest citizen, the indigent, the convicted felon, the illegal alien.")

Respectfully,



Alanzo C. Jeter, III

Please find enclosed, an additional copy of this correspondence along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please return to me a file-stamped copy of this correspondence.

Thank you for your attention and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Alanzo C. Jeter.

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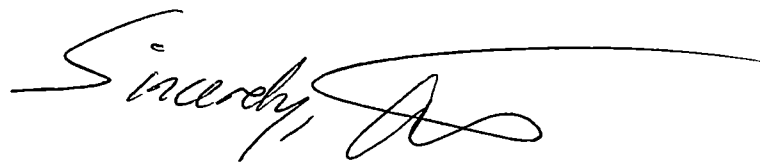
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Dear Clerk,

Please return to me a file-stamped copy of the enclosed correspondence request, along with the Court's response.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

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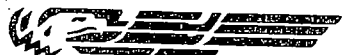
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