

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to Union County  
Court of Common Pleas  
The Honorable Walton J. McLeod IV, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2023-000643

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Najm Ahmad Thomas, #377500,

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

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Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of Respondent's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court has been served upon Petitioner by electronically mailing a copy to opposing counsel's primary e-mail address as listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS):

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