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SC Court of Appeals

Clerk of Court
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Case No. 2020-000451 Request for Mandate to release funds held in escrow

To: The Clerk

I have recently requested a mandate regarding the above-referenced matter. I received a deficiency letter for failure to pay the motion fee. Is it necessary for me to file a motion and pay a fee for something that should have already been provided? Pursuant to Rule 41, the mandate should have already been sent after time had expired after the opinion was issued except for Respondent's request for rehearing which automatically stayed the opinion. However, the rehearing was denied 07/21/2023. The Respondent has now filed a writ of certiorari with the Supreme Court which required Respondent to file a motion to stay the opinion within the allotted time after the denial if he desired to stay the opinion. Respondent, through his attorney have not taken any steps to stay the opinion and time has expired to do so. It has now been over 120 days since the denial for rehearing was issued. Please advise if the mandate is ready for issuance. If so, could you please accelerate the issuance of the mandate.

Respectfully yours,

Rufus Rivers, pro se

Merle Rivers, pro se

P.S. We apologize for filing the previous request where it appeared to be a motion, however, that was not my intention.