

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

The State, Respondent,

v.

Robert Max Watkins, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001359

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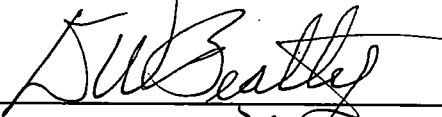
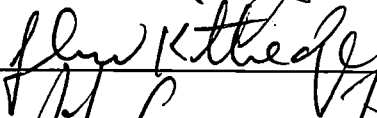


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## ORDER

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Petitioner seeks a writ of certiorari to review the decision of the court of appeals in *State v. Watkins*, Op. No. 2023-UP-142 (S.C. Ct. App. filed April 5, 2023). Petitioner also asks to proceed without costs in this matter. Because costs are not required in criminal cases, we deny the request to proceed without costs as unnecessary. Rule 242(c), SCACR. We deny the petition for a writ of certiorari.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ C.J.  
  
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Hill, J., not participating

Columbia, South Carolina

January 9, 2024

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