

**FORM 7
PROOF OF SERVICE OF LETTER TO COURT
OF APPEALS, LOWER COURTS & FREEDOM
MORTGAGE CORPORATION**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals
[In The Supreme Court]

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Joseph Strickland, Master in Equity

Case No. 2023-CP-40-03343

Appellate Case No. 2023-001826

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Respondent,

v.

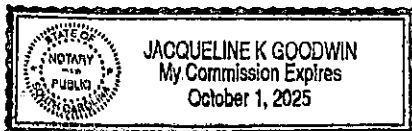
Sherman Smith

Appellant.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a response to return on FREEDOM MORTGAGE by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on April 30, 2024, addressed to its attorneys on record, D. Max Sims & J. Martin Page, at their office at BELL CARRINGTON PRICE & GREGG, LLC 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor Columbia, SC 29201

April 30, 2024



Jacqueline K Goodwin
4/30/2024

Sherman Smith
Sherman Smith
200 Grandview Circle
Columbia, South Carolina 29229
803-727-4337
Appellant

**FORM 9
LETTER TO COURT OF APPEALS,
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SC Court of Appeals

Master in Equity Joseph M. Strickland
Clerk of Court for Richland County
1701 Main St. #205, Columbia South Carolina 29201

RE: FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Respondent, v.
Sherman Smith, Appellant, Case No. 2023-CP-400-3343/ Appellate case
No. 2023-001826

Dear Court of Appeals, Lower Courts, FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION:

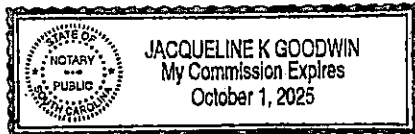
Enclosed for filing; is proof of Appellant's (Sherman Smith) NONCITIZENSHIP, A
Certified True and Correct Copy from the SC Secretary of State's Office results of a UCC
11 search showing proof of no perfected lien & a copy of TITLE TO REAL ESTATE.

Sincerely,


Sherman Smith

200 Grandview Circle
Columbia, South Carolina 29229

cc: Other Counsel of Record;
D. Max Sims, SC Bar No. 103945
339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29200
(803) 509-5078
Attorney for Respondent



Jacqueline K Goodwin
4/30/2024

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
National Records Center
P.O. Box 648010
Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

Control Number: NRC2024140694

March 19, 2024

SHERMAN SMITH
200 GRANDVIEW CIR
COLUMBIA, SC 29229

Dear SHERMAN SMITH:

This letter is in response to your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Privacy Act (PA), which was received in this office on March 13, 2024, regarding your documents relating to status as a US Citizen.

We have completed a search of Person-Centric Identity Services (PCIS). No records responsive to your request were located. If you have reason to believe that responsive records do exist, and you can provide us with additional information, we will conduct another search. Please forward the additional information to the address listed above and reference the control number which appears on this correspondence. If, after the second search no responsive records are located, you will be notified. At that time, you may appeal the determination by following the directions set forth below.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. You may file an administrative FOIA appeal by mail to USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our USCIS FOIA Public Liaison at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office, P.O. Box 648010, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010, or by email at FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov.

A USCIS FOIA Public Liaison is an agency official to whom FOIA requesters can raise concerns about the service the requester has received from the agency's FOIA Office. USCIS FOIA Public Liaisons are responsible for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency, and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our USCIS FOIA Public Liaison, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email ogis@nara.gov; telephone 202-741-5770; toll free 877-684-6448; or facsimile 202-741-5769.

[How to Submit Questions or Changes](#)

Questions concerning this FOIA/PA request may be mailed to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office, P.O. Box 648010, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010 or emailed to FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov. All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes, must be submitted in writing, and signed by the requester. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence with this office. For more information regarding the USCIS FOIA Program, please visit uscis.gov/foia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jarrod T Panter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jarrod T Panter

Acting Chief FOIA Officer

Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Unit

**Certified True and Correct Copy
SC Secretary of State's Office**



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**South Carolina Secretary of State's Office
Mark Hammond**

Search Response

Dated: 8/16/2023 1:00 PM

Search Criteria Entered:

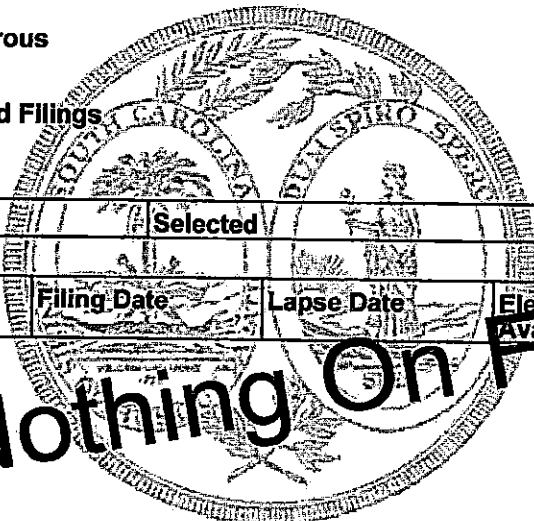
Name Search

Party Name: Smith, Sherman Lanarous

Party: Debtor

Filing Status: Lapsed And Unlapsed Filings

Filing Type: All



| Name | | Selected | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Filing Number | Filing Type | Filing Date | Lapse Date | Electronic Image Available |
| Nothing On File | | | | |

Book 2415-952

2019056054 7/31/2019 08:14:57:607 Deed

Fee: \$10.00 County Tax: \$218.90 State Tax: \$517.40

2019056054 John T. Hopkins II, Richland County R.O.D.

Prepared By:

McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC
1320 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29201
20927.19572SMITH

Space above this line reserved for Recording information

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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TITLE TO REAL ESTATE

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COUNTY OF RICHLAND

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Shareka Peterson (hereinafter "Grantor"), in the State aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of **ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$199,000.00)**, the receipt and sufficiency of which is here acknowledged, subject to easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions of record, including matters shown on recorded plats, have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said:

Sherman Smith, (hereinafter "Grantee")

All of Grantor's rights, title and equitable or legal interest in and to the following described property:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being near the City of Columbia, in the County of Richland, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as **Lot 259** on a plat of **PALMETTO PLACE, PHASE ONE** prepared by Belter & Associates, Inc., dated February 13, 2002, last revised July 28, 2002 and recorded in the Office of the ROD for Richland County in Book 697 at Page 3948; said lot being further shown and delineated on a plat prepared for Sherman G. Crosland and Angela R. Crosland by Donald G. Platt, RLS, dated April 25, 2007 and recorded in the Office of the ROD for Richland County in Book 1309 at Page 3827. Reference to said latter plat is hereby made for a more complete and accurate description. All measurements are a little more or less.

DERIVATION: This being the same property conveyed to Shareka Peterson by Warranty Deed of Sherman G. Crosland and Angela R. Crosland dated November 29, 2016 and recorded in Book 2168, Page 2360, Richland County, South Carolina.

Richland County Tax Map No.: 23109-10-08

Property Address: 200 Grandview Circle, Columbia, SC 29229

Grantee Address: 200 Grandview Circle, Columbia, SC 29229

TOGETHER with all and singular, the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the said premises before mentioned unto the said Grantee, Grantee's, heirs and assigns, forever.

AND GRANTOR DOES hereby promise, for themselves and Grantor's heirs, successors, assigns, and representatives, to warrant and forever defend the above premises unto the Grantee, Grantee's heirs, successors and assigns, against the Grantor and Grantor's heirs, successors, assigns, and representatives against any and all others whomsoever lawfully claiming the same or any part thereof.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

AFFIDAVIT FOR TAXABLE OR EXEMPT TRANSFERS

PERSONALLY, appeared before me the undersigned, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

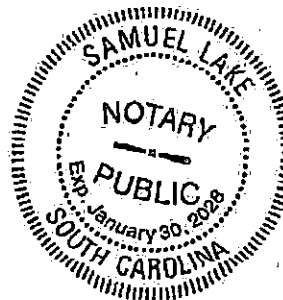
1. I have read the information on this Affidavit and I understand such information.
2. The property being transferred is located at 200 Grandview Circle, Columbia, SC, 29229 bearing Richland County Tax Map Number 23109-10-08, was transferred by Shareka Peterson to Sherman Smith on 07/30/2019.
3. Check one of the following: The DEED is: 29
 - a. subject to the deed recording fee as a transfer for consideration paid or to be paid in money or money's worth.
 - b. subject to the deed recording fee as a transfer between a corporation, a partnership, or other entity and a stockholder, partner, or owner of the entity, or is a transfer to a trust or a distribution to a trust beneficiary.
 - c. EXEMPT from the deed recording fee because (see information section of affidavit): _____ (If exempt, please skip items 4-7 and go to item 8 of this affidavit.)

If exempt under exemption #14 as described in the Information section of this affidavit, did the agent and principal relationship exist at the time of the original sale and was the purpose of this relationship to purchase the realty?
Check Yes or No
4. Check one of the following if either item 3(a) or item 3(b) above has been checked. (See Information section of this affidavit):
 - a. The fee is computed on the consideration paid or to be paid in money or money's worth in the amount of \$199,000.00.
 - b. The fee is computed on the fair market value of the realty which is \$199,000.00.
 - c. The fee is computed on the fair market value of the realty as established for property tax purposes which is \$199,000.00.
5. Check YES or NO to the following: A lien or encumbrance existed on the land, tenement, or realty before the transfer and remained on the land, tenement, or realty after the transfer. (This includes, pursuant to Code Section 12-59-140(E)(6), any lien or encumbrance on realty in possession of a forfeited land commission which may subsequently be waived or reduced after the transfer under a signed contract or agreement between the lien holder and the buyer existing before the transfer.) If YES, the amount of the outstanding encumbrance is \$ _____
6. The deed recording fee is computed as follows:
 - a. Place the amount listed in item 4 above here: \$ _____ 199,000.00
 - b. Place the amount listed in item 5 above here: \$ _____ 0.00
(If no amount is listed, place zero here.)
 - c. Subtract Line 6(b) from Line 6(a) and place the result here: \$ _____ 199,000.00
7. The deed recording fee is based on the amount listed on Line 6(c) above and the deed recording fee due is: \$764.80
8. As required by Code Section 12-24-70, I state that I am a responsible person who was connected with the transaction as: *grantor*
9. I understand that a person required to furnish this affidavit who willfully furnishes a false or fraudulent affidavit is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

[Signature]
Responsible Person Connected with the Transaction
SHAREKA D. PETERSON
Print or Type Name Here

SWORN to before me this the 29 day of July, 2019.

[Signature] (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
Commission Expires: 1/30/2020



WITNESS the Hand and Seal of Shareka Peterson, this 29 day of July, 2019.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of:

[Signature]
Witness No. 1
Samuel Lake
Witness No. 2 (NOTARY)

[Signature]
Shareka Peterson

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

I, Samuel Lake, a Notary Public for the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that Shareka Peterson personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 29 day of July, 2019.

Samuel Lake
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 1/30/2020

(SEAL)

