

RECEIVED

Aug 02 2024

SC Court of Appeals

August 2, 2024

South Carolina Court Administration
Calhoun Building
1220 Senate Street, Suite 200
Columbia, South Carolina 29201-3739

Clerk of the Court of Appeals
1220 Senate St,
Columbia, SC 29201

Civil Clerk of Sumter Summary Court
P.O. Box 1428
Sumter, South Carolina 29151-1428

Subject: Failure to Receive Full Transcript as Ordered - Case# 2023-CV-4310101594

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you pro se regarding a significant issue I have encountered in the preparation of my appeal, Case No. 2024-000283. On March 1, 2024, I requested and paid for a full transcript from the Sumter Magistrate Court, necessary for my appeal pursuant to S.C. App. Ct. R. 207. The fee of \$41.68 was paid in full to the Civil Clerk of the Sumter Summary Court. See. Exhibit A

Despite my compliance with the required procedures and payment, the Clerk of the Sumter Summary Court did not provide an expected timeline for the delivery of the transcript, in violation of S.C. App. Ct. R. 207(a)(5). Instead of a written transcript as requested, I was provided with a CD-ROM containing two separate audio files, which I discovered on August 1, 2024. These audio files are insufficient for my needs to prepare "The Designation Of Matter" pursuant to S.C. App. Ct. R. 209.

Upon discovering this issue, I reached out to Mr. Terry Leverette, a representative of the South Carolina Court Administration, seeking assistance. Mr. Leverette informed me that the provision of a transcript or audio is at the discretion of the Sumter Magistrate Court Clerk or Judge and highlighted the absence of an official court reporter assigned to the Magistrate Court. It has been suggested by court administration to contract a third-party court reporter to transcribe both audio files and then ask the Magistrate assigned to the case in the Sumter Summary Court to certify them as accurate. I am seeking the guidance of South Carolina Court of Appeals on how to proceed?

The full transcript from the Sumter Magistrate Court is crucial for me to present an accurate and compelling argument in my Initial Brief, governed by S.C. App. Ct. R. 208, which is due per correspondence from the court on August 7, 2024. Given the lack of clear precedent for a situation where a Magistrate Court refuses to provide a transcript, I am seeking the Court of Appeals' guidance on how to proceed?

In accordance with S.C. App. Ct. R. 207(a)(5), this letter serves as formal notification to the Office of Court Administration, the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and the court reporter about the failure to receive the full transcript as ordered.

I respectfully request your prompt attention to this matter and your guidance on how to proceed. Please contact me if further information is required.

Sincerely,
s/Randal K Freeman
Randal K Freeman
8 Warren Ct
Sumter, SC 29150
(224) 407-1660

Exhibit A

RECEIVED

Mar 01 2024

SC Court of Appeals

March 1st, 2024

Court of Appeals
1220 Senate St.
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Trapp v. Freeman Request of Transcripts from Summary Court

To: THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Court of Appeals:

On March 1st, 2024, I officially requested full and complete transcripts of hearings held on 08/11/2023 and February 14th, 2024 at 190 E. Canal Street, Sumter SC 29150 by Magistrate Judge Bryan Keith Griffin in Case# 2023-CV-4310101594. Sumter Summary Court clerk informed me that there was no formal request for transcripts. She however proceeded to process the request in-person and stated it had been submitted. Each transcript request was \$20.00 and attached is the receipt of said requests as proof of request for the above Transcripts directly of matter in this Appeal.

Sincerely,
s/ Randal K Freeman
Randal K Freeman
8 Warren Ct
Sumter SC 29150
(224) 407-1660
Appellant

cc: David B. Trapp
S.C. Court Administration
Clerk, Court of Appeals

Sumter Magistrate Court

Judge : William Mattison Gamble

190 E. Canal Street

Sumter, SC 291511428

Phone:(803) 436-2280 Fax:(803) 436-2789

Received From: Freeman, Randal Klint
8 Warren Ct
Sumter, SC 291504236

Date: 3/ 1/2024
Receipt #: 631913
Clerk: c43tjackso

Paying for: Cahill Law Firm, Llc,

Transaction Type: Civil Payment

Payment Type: Credit Card \$40.00
SC.gov Portal Fee \$1.68
Total Paid: \$41.68

Reference #:
Comment:
Non-Refundable

You may check the status of your Sumter case at:

<http://www.sccourts.org/caseSearch/>

Case #	Caption	Previous Balance	Amount Paid	Balance Due
2023CV4310101594	Cahill Law Firm, Llc , plaintiff, et al VS Randal Klint Freeman , defendant, et al	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00



Total Cases: 1

\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
SC.gov Portal Fee:	\$1.68	
Total Paid:	\$41.68	

RECEIVED

Aug 02 2024

SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2024-CP-43-000366

Randal K Freeman,

Appellant,

v.

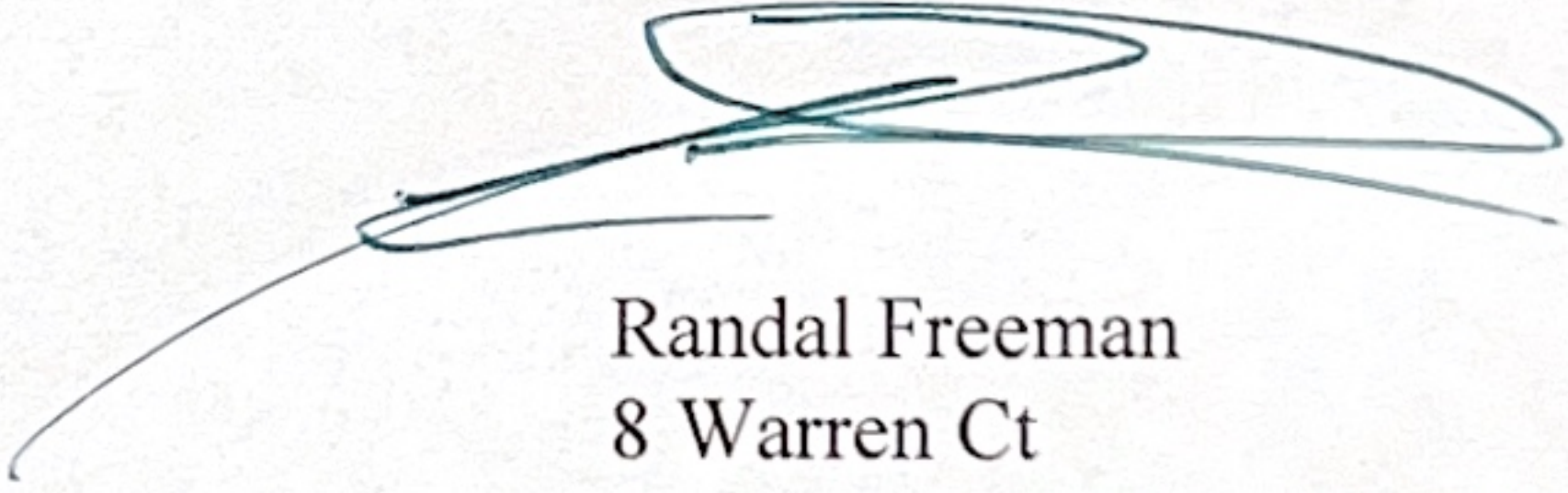
David Bryan Trapp,

Respondent.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the Correspondence dated August 2nd, 2024 to the *South Carolina Court of Appeals, South Carolina Court Administration, and Clerk of Summary Court of Sumter County* on David Bryan Trapp by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on August 2nd, 2024, addressed to his attorney of record, J. Benjamin Cahill, Cahill Law Firm, LLC, 693 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

August 2nd, 202



Randal Freeman
8 Warren Ct
Sumter, South Carolina 29150
(224)407-1660
Appellant