

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Richard Bernard Moore, Brad Keith Sigmon, Freddie Eugene Owens, Mikal D. Mahdi, and Marion Bowman, Jr., Petitioners,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001373

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## ORDER

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The Clerk of this Court has a ministerial duty to issue an execution notice pursuant to section 17-25-370 of the South Carolina Code (2014) after a person who has been duly convicted in a court of law and sentenced to death has exhausted all appeals and other avenues of post-conviction relief in state and federal courts or, after a determination by this Court that the person is mentally competent, knowingly and voluntarily waives such avenues of relief. *Hill v. State*, 377 S.C. 462, 467, 661 S.E.2d 92, 95 (2008); *Roberts v. Moore*, 332 S.C. 488, 505 S.E.2d 593 (1998).

Because the remittitur has been sent after our decision in *Owens v. Stirling*, Op. No. 28222 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed July 31, 2024) (Howard Advance Sheet No. 29 at 18), it is the duty of the Clerk to issue execution notices for all inmates whose executions have been stayed pending that decision. Petitioners have filed a motion to direct or stay the issuance of execution notices to ensure a reasonable interval between execution dates.

The execution notice has been issued for Petitioner Freddie Eugene Owens. We grant the motion to stay the issuance of execution notices for all other eligible death-sentenced inmates pending a decision on the request to ensure a reasonable interval between execution dates.

John K. Hledge C.J.  
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Verdin, J., not participating

Columbia, South Carolina  
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