

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

The State, Respondent,

v.

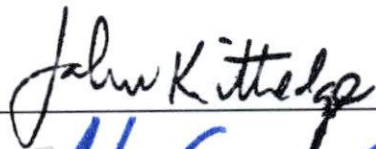
Freddie Eugene Owens, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001397

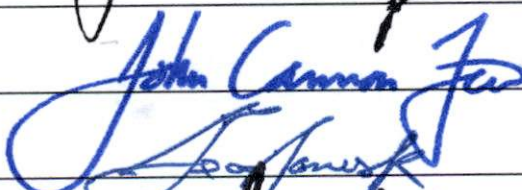
ORDER

Bryan P. Stirling, as Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections, asks this Court to construe or clarify whether a power of attorney in which Appellant purportedly authorizes one of his attorneys to elect the method of his execution on his behalf under section 24-3-530 of the South Carolina Code (Supp. 2023) is valid.


Both the State and Appellant shall serve and file returns to Director Stirling's petition by noon on Friday, August 30, 2024. Director Stirling shall proceed as required by statute and with the preparation for Appellant's execution, including preparing the affidavit required by section 24-3-530(B), pending a decision by this Court on his petition.



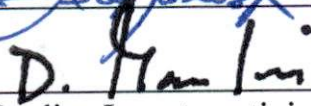
C.J.



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Verdin, J., not participating

Columbia, South Carolina
August 21, 2024

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