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REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE

S.C. SUPREME COURT

To the honorable Judge John Kittredge Supreme Court South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

**James Smith, Jr. vs. Rufus Rivers and Merle Rivers.**

**Re: Supreme Court Case No. 2023-001318  
Appellate Case No. 2020-000451**

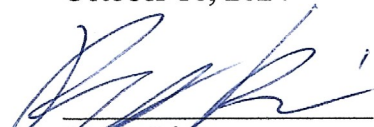
To the Honorable Chief Justice John Kittredge, we Rufus Rivers and Merle Rivers, respectfully request that the Court take judicial notice of the following fact:

1. The mandate was not issued by the Court of Appeals after its decision on June 23, 2023. In support of this request, we state as follows:

1. The non-issuance of the mandate is a fact that is not subject to reasonable dispute because it is readily verifiable from the Court of Appeals records.
2. The petition for certiorari was filed by the losing party and was granted review without requesting a stay.
3. Therefore, we request that the Court take notice of the aforementioned fact pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 201.

Respectfully submitted,

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