

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Christopher M. Kennan, Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001861

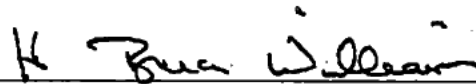
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## ORDER

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This appeal arises out of the appellant's attempt to file a motion to proceed without payment of costs and fees in the court of common pleas in Clarendon County. It appears the Clerk of Court refused to file the documents, as it does not appear a CP case number has been assigned. The motion to proceed without payment of costs and fees bears the signature of a circuit judge, R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr., and a date of September 12, 2024. There is no indication on the documents filed in this Court that any of these documents were file-stamped received by the Clarendon County Clerk of Court.

We remand this matter to the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County to perform her ministerial duty of filing this action as contemplated by S.C. Code Ann. §24-27-100 (2025). The appeal will be held in abeyance pending the issuance of a CP case number and acceptance of the appellant's filings by the circuit court.



FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

**FILED**  
**Nov 06 2024**

cc:

Christopher M. Kennan, 00385016

Christina Catoe Bigelow, Esquire

The Honorable Beulah G. Roberts  
The Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr.