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**SC Court of Appeals**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Spartanburg County  
The Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

MARCUS D. BATSON,

APPELLANT.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001593

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I, **Donna D'Alessio**, an employee of the Respondent and legal assistant to R. Brandon Larrabee, of counsel for the Respondent, hereby certify that as per the March 20, 2020 Order of the Chief Justice, the Initial Brief of Respondent has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Joanna K. Delany, Esq., via email today, December 6, 2024 to [jdelany@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:jdelany@sccid.sc.gov), and to her assistant at [smcinnis@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:smcinnis@sccid.sc.gov).

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

s/ Donna D'Alessio  
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Dear Ms. Delany,

Please find attached the Respondent's Initial Brief, Designation of Matter and Proof of Service. These documents will be filed today with The South Carolina Court of Appeals along with a copy of this email. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
*Brandy Rankin*

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