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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM JASPER COUNTY

Magistrate Court

The Honorable S. Joanne McDonald (deceased), Jasper County Magistrate

Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable R. Keith Kelly, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2023-000790

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

STEVEN FRANTZ,

Appellant.

RESPONSE TO THE MOTION
TO STRIKE
AND
REQUIRE FILING OF
AMENDED RECORD ON APPEAL

Appellant, Steven Frantz, would respectfully respond point by point to Andrew D.

Powell's ("The State") Motion to Strike as follows:

I.

Mr. Powell failed to mention to the Court I filed an appeal to the South Carolina Appellate Court, as directed by the Jasper County Court, before filing an appeal with the Jasper County Circuit Court. There was no transcript of the Magistrate Court hearing, making it impossible to even file an appeal, whether on-time, perfected, or any one of my other alleged failures.

Also, it appears Mr. Powell has found a **second** "potential clerical error" when assigning a fine over two and a half times the state's maximum allowable fine. Mr. Powell took the

unconstitutional fine away, but now wishes the Appellate Court to reinstate that which he took away.

It seems it must be proper for the Jasper County Court to make mistakes. It seems it must be proper for Mr. Powell to make mistakes. However, it is obvious they deem me unable to make mistakes when playing on their home court, with their home court rules. Therefore, I declare, we all make mistakes and are not perfect. We are all sinners in the sight of the Lord. God forgives those who ask.

II.

As often and in several different ways, I have asked for a copy of the Original Court (Magistrate) transcripts, only to be ignored. In this respect, the State of South Carolina should have thrown this case out years ago.

III.

This seems to be what the State has filed.

IV.

This appears to be a list of other documents I filed to the Court.

V.

It seems as though Mr. Powell would rather hide behind rules meant for him rather than allow the truth to come to light. With regarding the issue of being a pro se litigant: after having contacted the South Carolina BAR Club, and numerous lawyers in the Jasper County area, I was informed, in no uncertain terms, that nobody dare go against the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the Okeetee Hunting Club and continue practicing Law. One judge, The

Honorable Robert J. Bonds, seemingly recused himself from the case after I informed him his was with one of the law firms I had contacted prior to him being placed on the Bench.

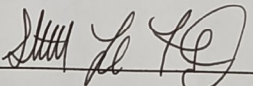
VI.

I think what Mr. Powell is trying to convey is when I would file something, then the Appellate Court would discover some mistake, allowing me an opportunity to make a correction, then file again. Please use the corrected version the Court has allowed me to file. I ask for the court to lift the scales from its eyes and allow the light of truth to prevail. Please allow my attempt to defend myself.

Throughout my many filings with the Court, I included, as a Christian, many Bible verses applicable to this situation. Mr. Powell has found a need to "pray" to "this Court." I would like to take this time to inform Mr. Powell he is praying to a false god. Furthermore, I take high offense of this blasphemous statement to God. Is Christianity under attack in South Carolina? May God have mercy upon you, Mr. Powell.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven L. Frantz

BY: 

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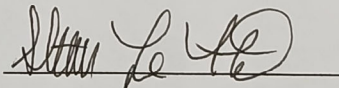
Appellant

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Steven Frantz, certify I have served a RESPONSE TO THE MOTION TO STRIKE AND REQUIRE FILING OF AMENDED RECORD ON APPEAL on Mr. Andrew D. Powell, Assistant Attorney General, P.O. Box 11549, Columbia, SC 29211 and Mr. Alan Wilson, Attorney General, P.O. Box 11549, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 via United States Postal Service.

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

This 18th day of February, 2025.



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