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The Supreme Court has denied the application for stay and the petition. The execution is still scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

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Last night, Mr. Sigmon filed a petition for writ of certiorari and application for a stay of execution in the Supreme Court of the United States. The documents are available on the public docket under these case numbers: [24-6709](#) and [24A854](#).

A response is currently being drafted.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 3:12 PM

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Please be advised that the Supreme Court of South Carolina denied the pending motions today. The order is attached.

The execution is still scheduled for Friday.

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From: Melody Brown

Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 4:59 PM

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The execution is still scheduled for March 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Pending litigation is as follows:

The motion for stay of execution and a petition for writ of habeas corpus filed in the Supreme Court of South Carolina is still pending. The returns to each have been filed. The documents may be accessed at <https://ctrack.sccourts.org/public/caseView.do?csIID=82628> (petition for writ), and <https://ctrack.sccourts.org/public/caseView.do?csIID=82505> (motion for stay).

Additionally, Mr. Sigmon has filed a motion to reconsider the sufficiency of the South Carolina Department of Corrections Director's affidavit regarding availability of South Carolina's three methods of execution. A return was filed along with a reply. The motion is still pending and the documents may be accessed at <https://ctrack.sccourts.org/public/caseView.do?csIID=82505>. On February 21st, Mr. Sigmon made a formal election of the firing squad. That document is also available at <https://ctrack.sccourts.org/public/caseView.do?csIID=82505>.

If you should have any difficulty accessing any of these referenced documents, please let me know and I will provide filed copies as needed.

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The execution is still scheduled for March 7, 2025.

I write to inform you that Mr. Sigmon filed a motion for a stay of execution and a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the Supreme Court of South Carolina on February 20th. Today, the Supreme Court of South Carolina called for a response to the motion and petition to be filed on or before Thursday, February 27th. The filings may be accessed on the appellate court website at <https://ctrack.sccourts.org/public/caseView.do?csIID=82628>

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The execution is still scheduled for March 7, 2025. There are currently no motions pending to stay the execution, and no litigation pending regarding the conviction and sentence.

On February 14th, Mr. Sigmon filed an “Objection to Affidavit and Certification of Bryan P. Stirling, Director, South Carolina Department of Corrections” in the Supreme Court of South Carolina and sought a stay. The referenced certification sets out the available methods of execution that the inmate could select, which in South Carolina may include “electrocution, firing squad or lethal injection.” See S.C. Code Ann. § 24-3-530. On February 19th, the Supreme Court of South Carolina denied the motion to stay. (Attached). The filings and related documents (apart from one autopsy report filed under seal) may be accessed at <https://ctrack.sccourts.org/public/caseView.do?csIID=82505>.

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Please accept this email as notice of an upcoming execution in South Carolina. The Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina issued an Execution Notice this morning (attached). By operation

of statute, the execution must take place the fourth Friday after the notice is received. S.C. Code Ann. § 17-25-370. Consequently, the execution will be Friday, March 7, 2025. The time is set for 6:00 pm. There is no litigation presently pending. Contact information for the attorneys follows.

For the State of South Carolina:

I may be reached at this email address, and my direct line at work is 803-734-3742. My cell phone number is 803-622-3582. I am the primary contact for the State.

For Mr. Sigmon:

Gerald W. “Bo” King, Jr., Chief, Capital Habeas Unit for the Fourth Circuit,

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Mr. King’s cell phone number is 704-533-5120

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