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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Lexington County

Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JUSTIN TREVON PRIDGEN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001101


Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance

Counsel for Justin Trevon Pridgen respectfully requests that this case be held in abeyance until she receives Appellant's affidavit of intent to drop his direct appeal. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief and designation of matter are scheduled to be served and filed on April 7, 2025. There have been four (4) extension requests made in this case.
2. On March 10, 2025, counsel spoke with Appellant and confirmed his intent to drop his direct appeal, and immediately mailed Appellant an affidavit for his signature testifying to his intent to end his appeal.
3. As of today, March 25, 2025, counsel has not received Appellant's signed and notarized affidavit.

4. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance until she receives Appellant's affidavit of intent to drop his direct appeal.
5. Counsel contacted Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Mark R. Farthing and he does not oppose the motion to hold the case in abeyance pending a ruling from this Court.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathrine H. Hudgins
Senior Appellate Defender

Attorney for Appellant

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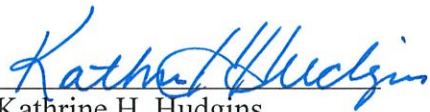
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance in the above-referenced case have been served upon Mark R. Farthing, Esquire at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 25th day of March, 2025.


Kathrine H. Hudgins
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Mr. Farthing,

Please find attached for service the Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance for Justin Trevon Pridgen's appeal which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Chris Stock
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