

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Honorable Heath P. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

Opinion No. 2025-UP-050 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed <DATE>)

Lower Court Case No. 2019-CP-18-01373

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VERNON COOLEY,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-000362

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and appendix in the above-referenced case has been served upon Bryan T. Hall, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS); and the South Carolina Court of Appeals; and on Vernon Lamarr Cooley, #377574, at Ridgeland Correctional Institution, PO Box 2039, Ridgeland, SC 29936, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.



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Mr. Hall and Ms. Dixon,

Please find attached for service the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals for Vernon Cooley's appeal which will be filed today with the Supreme Court.

Thank you.

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