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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

APPEAL FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Case No. 2022-CP-10-03492 Appellate Case No.: 2023-001086

Supreme Court Case No.: 2024-002005

PVONE REO LLC,

Respondent,

v.

MARY A. WHITE et al.,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Appellant, DeWayne A. Sykes, acting pro se, hereby appeals to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina from the final judgment of the Supreme Court of South Carolina entered on April 02, 2025.

1. **Jurisdiction:** This Court has jurisdiction over this appeal under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 1343, as Appellant asserts violations of federal due process rights under the U.S. Constitution, specifically the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.
2. **Statement of the Case:** Appellant seeks relief from a default judgment issued by the Master in Equity Court of Charleston County, which was subsequently affirmed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of South Carolina. The case arises from alleged improper service of process and jurisdictional deficiencies concerning property located at 1959 Jacksonville Road, North Charleston, South Carolina.
3. **Grounds for Appeal:** a. **Due Process Violations:** The lower courts erroneously upheld a default judgment despite Appellant never receiving proper service of process as

required under Rule 4 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

b. Jurisdictional Deficiencies: The lower courts lacked jurisdiction due to incorrect property descriptions and misrepresentations by Respondent, in violation of Appellant's fundamental rights.

c. Failure to Provide Adequate Remedy: The South Carolina Supreme Court improperly denied Appellant's Petition for Writ of Certiorari without full consideration of the procedural irregularities present in the case.

d. Misapplication of Legal Standards: The state courts failed to correctly apply South Carolina and federal precedent concerning proper service, due process, and the voidability of judgments rendered without jurisdiction.

4. **Relief Requested:** Appellant respectfully requests that this Court: a. Accept jurisdiction over this appeal. b. Reverse the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina. c. Vacate the lower court's default judgment and dismiss Respondent's claims for lack of jurisdiction. d. Grant any other relief deemed just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sincerely,



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