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Subject: RE: South Carolina Execution Scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm - Mikal D. Mahdi
Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 2:36:03 PM
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UPDATE:

Mr. Mahdi filed a petition for writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court of the United States late Monday night along with an application for stay of execution. The petition (seeking review of the Supreme Court of South Carolina's April 7, 2025 order denying the petition for state habeas corpus), has been accepted and the State has just filed its expedited response opposing both under Docket No. 24-6933.

The documents should be available soon through this link

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docket/docketfiles/html/public/24-6933.html>

There is still no stay in place as of this email, and the execution is still scheduled to go forward on Friday.

Sincerely,

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This is to confirm that as of this email, no stays have been issued. The execution is still scheduled for this Friday, April 11th.

The petition for original jurisdiction habeas corpus review in the Supreme Court of South Carolina is still pending. The reply in that action was filed as anticipated on March 31st.

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UPDATE: additional litigation

No stays are currently in place and the execution is still scheduled for April 11, 2025 at 6:00pm.

On March 18, 2025, Mr. Mahdi filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of South Carolina. The Court called for a response, which was filed on March 26th. Mr. Mahdi has advised the SC Supreme Court that he intends to file a reply no later than March 31st. The filings are available on the public docket at this address: <https://ctrack.sccourts.org/public/caseView.do?csIID=82942>

Mr. Mahdi has separately requested a stay of execution in order to litigate the referenced state habeas petition, and a response in opposition to that motion was similarly filed on March 26th. Those filings may be accessed at <https://ctrack.sccourts.org/public/caseView.do?csIID=82909>

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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, April 11, 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 am the primary contact for the State. 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.

For Mr. Mahdi:

Teresa Norris is the primary contact for Mr. Mahdi's legal team. Her direct office number is 704-688-6948. Her cell phone number is 803-360-8064.

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