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**Subject:** RE: South Carolina Execution Scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm - Stephen Stanko  
**Date:** Friday, June 6, 2025 5:29:15 PM  
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STATUS UPDATE: Still scheduled for Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Today, Mr. Stanko filed a "Complaint for Injunctive and Declaratory Relief filed Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983" in the federal district court. The Honorable Richard M. Gergel issued an order that a response be filed by noon on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. A status conference is set for Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The filings and docket entries for the case may be located in PACER by this case number: 3:25-cv-04976-RMG-SVH.

Sincerely,

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STATUS UPDATE: Still scheduled as noted

Please be advised that the execution referenced above is still scheduled for Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. As of this email, there is no presently pending litigation.

The Supreme Court of South Carolina denied a motion for stay earlier this week. The basis for the motion was related to a request for additional information on the available methods of execution in South Carolina. The litigation may be accessed here:

<https://ctrack.sccourts.org/public/caseView.do?csIID=83308> . The May 28, 2025 order is attached.

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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. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 17-25-370. Consequently, the execution will be Friday, June 13, 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. Stanko:

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