

SC Court of Appeals
P. O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211-1629

Re: Bryan V. SCDC
Lower Court Case No. 2024CP1800179
Appellant Case No. 2025-00566

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Re: Clarification Regarding Notice of Appeal and In Forma Pauperis Status

Dear Clerk of Court,

Pursuant to the Clerk's Order dated May 6, 2025, I respectfully submit this letter to clarify the status of my filings. Please be advised that I submitted my Notice of Appeal on March 18, 2025. Furthermore, the Court entered an Order on April 10, 2025, denying my request to proceed in forma pauperis.

Enclosed, please find the following documents for the record:

Copy of the April 10, 2025 Order

Copy of the March 18, 2025 Notice of Appeal

Additionally, I am currently undergoing mental health treatment through the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services (PPP). After serving 26 years and 8 months in the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), I have been diagnosed with mental health conditions that now require continuous professional care.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully ask the Court to consider the following:

Legal Basis for Relief:

1. Access to the Courts and In Forma Pauperis

The South Carolina Constitution, Article I, Section 9, guarantees access to courts for all persons. Denying the ability to proceed due to poverty may constitute a denial of due process and equal protection under the law.

See also *Ex parte Martin*, 321 S.C. 533, 471 S.E.2d 134 (1995), which supports the principle that indigent litigants are entitled to access the courts.

See also *Bollinger v. Sigman*, 299 S.C. 345, 384 S.E.2d 827 (1989), recognizing the constitutional right to meaningful access to the courts.

2. Consideration of Mental Health as a Factor in Employment and Legal Standing
The South Carolina Code of Laws § 44-22-10 et seq. (Mental Health Patients' Rights Act) ensures protections for individuals receiving mental health services, including the right to be treated with dignity and to participate in legal processes.

See also State v. Benjamin, 345 S.C. 470, 548 S.E.2d 528 (2001), where the court considered the mental health of a defendant in assessing legal decisions and fairness.

Due to my diagnosed mental health issues and resulting inability to work, I am unable to pay court fees and request reconsideration or accommodation under Rule 3(b), SCRCP, which allows the court to waive filing fees for indigent persons under appropriate circumstances.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for ensuring equal access to justice.

05/30/25
Dated

Thank you
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served this on: Robin L. Jackson, P.O. BOX 12279, Charleston, SC 29422.

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