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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from York County

Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JACKLEEN ELIZABETH MULLEN

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001302

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MOTION TO HOLD APPEAL IN ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF TRANSCRIPTS

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Counsel for Appellant, Jackleen Elizabeth Mullen, respectfully moves to hold the above-captioned case in abeyance pending receipt of the complete trial transcript. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed on July 28, 2025. There have been no extensions requested in this case. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. Appellant was indicted by the York County Grand Jury for murder, homicide by child abuse, and homicide by child abuse aiding and abetting.
2. Appellant's case was called to trial on October 31, 2023, before the Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr. and a jury. Luke Shealy, Brian Shealy, and Julia Barrington of the Shealy Law Firm represented Appellant. John Anthony and Erin Joyner were the solicitors prosecuting for the State.

3. The jury found appellant guilty of homicide by child abuse and homicide by child abuse aiding and abetting. Judge Griffith sentenced appellant to thirty (30) years for homicide by child abuse and ten (10) years concurrent for homicide by child abuse aiding and abetting.

4. This case is now on appeal before this Court.

5. On November 20, 2024, the Office of Appellant Defense requested the complete transcript, October 31, 2023 – November 4, 2023, and November 13-14, 2023.

6. The Office of Appellate Defense received the transcript on May 27, 2025.

7. Upon reviewing the transcript received, counsel discovered the transcript did not contain the entire trial. The provided transcript contains the first day of the trial, October 31, 2023. The transcript skips ahead to November 13 -14, 2023. The trial transcript is missing testimony from the trial held November 1-4, 2023.

8. Upon discovery, counsel acted immediately to procure the complete trial transcript necessary for this appeal. That request is attached to this motion as Exhibit A.

9. Counsel discovered the missing portions of trial early and endeavored to prepare this motion before taking any extensions in Appellant's case.

Counsel respectfully requests that this Court hold the above-captioned case in abeyance pending receipt of the complete trial transcript. Counsel also requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief and designation of mater be held in abeyance pending disposition of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathrine H. Hudgins  
Senior Appellate Defender  
Attorney for Appellant

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

# EXHIBIT A

## Stock, Chris

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**From:** Kevin Dehlinger <kdehlinger@LegalEagleInc.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:12 AM  
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**Cc:** Holmes, Tammie; Hudgins, Kathrine; Stock, Chris  
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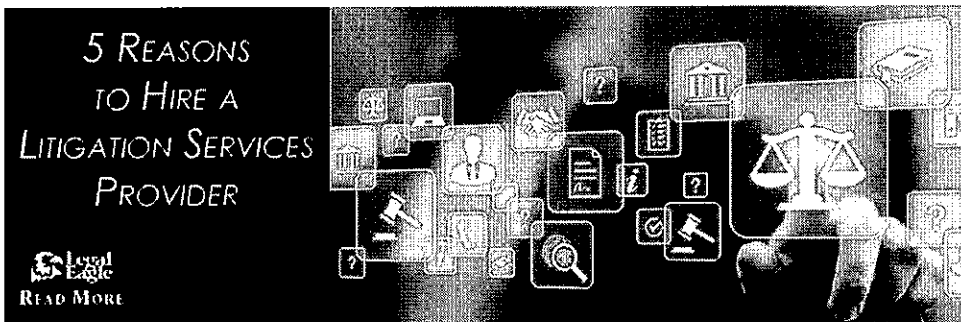
As soon as we receive the audio for the additional days, we will make it a top priority to get into production. Thank you.



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Good morning,

Thank you for checking with Ms. Butler. Interestingly, the original request made on November 20, 2024 by our office, had the request dates of Oct. 31 - Nov. 4, 13-14, 2023, with Judge Hall listed. Please see attached. We have received the partial transcript that is dated for Oct. 31 & November 13-14, 2023, from Legal Eagle and the

cover does list the correct Judge which was Judge Griffith. After speaking and confirming with the Ms. Hudgins, Judge Griffith was present for the entire trial to include the days we did not receive that were on the original request. I am not sure how to now obtain the additional 4 days that we are missing.

Please let me know.

Thank you, Della

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Good afternoon,

We reached out to Aileen Butler whom was the court reporter on those days and she confirmed this case was not on judge Hall docket.

Thanks

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Ok, were the other days sent to Legal Eagle? The request also requests Nov. 1, 2, and 3, 2023.

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Kevin,

You are correct. Legal Eagle was only assigned the days you requested on the attachment. I reached out to you letting you know that the 4<sup>th</sup> was a Saturday and you never replied. If you would like those days transcribe please submit a request so we can process it as soon as possible.

Thank you

Cordelia Coath

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Della,

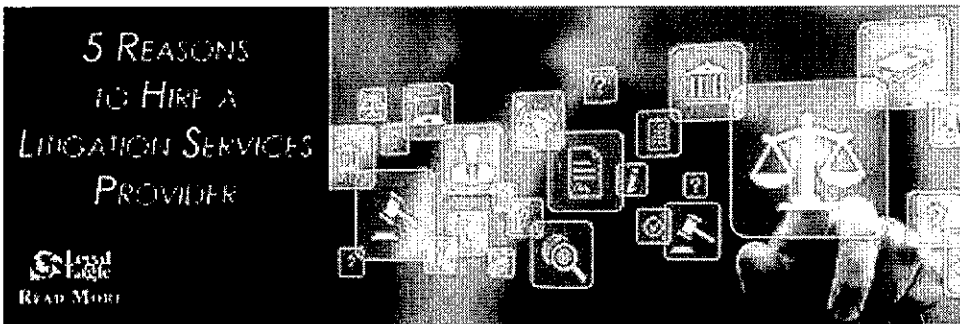
We were not assigned those days of the trial. I have copied Cordelia on this email so she can let you know who she assigned those days to. Thank you.



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Hey Kevin,

After further investigation....

Ms. Hudgins began reading this transcript and discovered we are still missing Nov. 1, 2, 3, & 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see the original request attached.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Thank you,

Della

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**From:** Kevin Dehlinger <[kdehlinger@LegalEagleInc.com](mailto:kdehlinger@LegalEagleInc.com)>  
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Della,

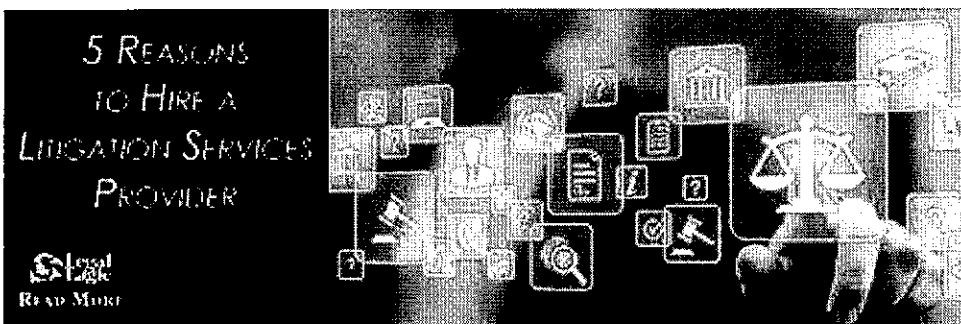
We have reviewed the details of this request. It appears the initial audio we received indicated the trial ended at 1:15:14 on November 14th. After your email, additional audio was found from 1:33:27 to 2:07:03. We will get this to the transcriber tonight and will have it delivered to you Monday. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.



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Good afternoon, Kevin,

We're missing a sentencing transcript for this case- Jackleen Mullen.

The trial ends on page 403, right after the jury is polled, with no mention of a sentence by the judge.

Transcribed by Mary Ragsdale -Legal Eagle

Please let me know how we can get the remainder of this transcript.

Thank you,

Della

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Good morning Della.

Please see the attached letter regarding the transcript for the above referenced. Please let me know if this will work.

Thank you,

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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 Motion to Hold in Abeyance in the above referenced case has been served on Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.



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Senior Appellate Defender

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Mr. Farthing,

Please find attached for service a motion to hold in abeyance in the matter of The State v. Jackleen Elizabeth Mullen.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

**Chris Stock**  
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