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ALAN WILSON  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 11, 2025

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State v. Richard Leroy Anderson – Appellate Case No. 2024-000732

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The above-referenced criminal appeal is currently pending before this Court. Please be advised that, earlier today, the undersigned counsel for the State received information—including the attached death certificate, which has been redacted to remove unnecessary information—from the Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office confirming the respondent, Richard Leroy Anderson, died on September 6, 2024, during the pendency of this appeal. In light of that information, the State respectfully requests this Court dismiss the above-referenced appeal as the respondent's death has rendered it moot. Cf. State v. Miller, 409 S.C. 312, 312, 762 S.E.2d 394, 394-395 (2014) (dismissing an appeal as moot subsequent to the death of Miller during the pendency of the appeal). Thank you for your attention to this request, and, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (803) 734-3727.

Sincerely,

J. Benjamin Aplin  
Assistant Attorney General  
S.C. Bar Number 8729

JBA/ss

Enclosure

cc: David A. Alexander, Esquire  
Ryan M. Waller, Esquire  
Victim Advocacy Division

# DEATH CERTIFICATION

139-2024-039876

\* RICHARD LEROY ANDERSON \*

AKA: N/A

## DECEDENT INFORMATION

DATE OF DEATH: SEPTEMBER 06, 2024

PLACE OF DEATH TYPE: HOSPITAL-EMERGENCY ROOM/OUTPATIENT

PLACE OF DEATH NAME AND ADDRESS: GRAND STRAND MEDICAL CENTER, MYRTLE BEACH, SC, 29572-4611

CITY OF DEATH: MYRTLE BEACH

MARITAL STATUS: DIVORCED (AND NOT REMARRIED)

SURVIVING SPOUSE: N/A

MOTHER NAME: [REDACTED]

FATHER NAME: [REDACTED]

RESIDENCE: [REDACTED]

TIME OF DEATH: 0625

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [REDACTED]

COUNTY OF DEATH: HORRY

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

AGE: 62 YEARS

PLACE OF BIRTH: SOUTH CAROLINA

SEX: MALE

ARMED FORCES: NO

## INFORMANT INFORMATION

NAME: [REDACTED]

MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

RELATIONSHIP: SIBLING

## DISPOSITION/FUNERAL HOME INFORMATION

PLACE: BEACH CREMATORY, MYRTLE BEACH, SC, 29577

FUNERAL HOME: OCEAN VIEW FUNERAL HOME OF HORRY COUNTY LLC

FUNERAL HOME ADDRESS: 1207 GRAINGER RD., CONWAY, SC, 29527

FUNERAL DIRECTOR NAME: ATU JARMAL WILLIAMS

EMBALMER: N/A

METHOD: CREMATION

LICENSE NUMBER: 2478

LICENSE NUMBER: N/A

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

CERTIFIER: DEP/CHIEF COR. DARRIS G. FOWLER

ADDRESS: 2560 N MAIN ST #3, CONWAY, SC, 29526

CAUSE OF DEATH - PART I: [REDACTED]

LICENSE NUMBER: NA

MANNER OF DEATH: ACCIDENT

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS - PART II: N/A

CORONER CONTACTED?: YES

DATE OF INJURY: SEPTEMBER 06, 2024

LOCATION OF INJURY: [REDACTED]

PLACE OF INJURY: [REDACTED]

HOW INJURY OCCURRED: [REDACTED]

AUTOPSY PERFORMED?: NO

AUTOPSY AVAILABLE?: N/A

TIME OF INJURY: UNKNOWN

INJURY AT WORK?: NO

DATE FILED: SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

DATE ISSUED: SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

AMENDMENT HISTORY

N/A

SC12877807

This is a true certification of the facts on file in the Division of Vital Records, SC Department of Public Health.

*E. D. Simmer*

Edward D. Simmer, MD, MPH, DFAPA  
Director and State Registrar

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Caleb N. Cox  
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