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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County

Honorable Jocelyn J. Newman, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ONTARIO LAMAR STALEY,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-002003


Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance

Counsel for Ontario Lamar Staley respectfully requests that this case be held in abeyance until trial exhibits can be sealed, transported to the Court, and viewed by the parties. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief and designation of matter are scheduled to be served and filed on August 30, 2025. There have been three (3) extension requests made in this case.
2. On July 3, 2025, counsel discovered that trial exhibits electronically provided were sexually explicit photos depicting a sixteen-year-old and a seventeen-year-old. I contacted opposing counsel, Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Mark R. Farthing, and deleted the photos from our computer system. The State moved for an order to seal the photographs.

3. After reviewing the entire trial transcript, counsel needs to view the photographs in order to consider a potential issue on appeal.
4. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief and designation be held in abeyance until the photographs can be sealed, transported to the Court under seal, and viewed by the parties.
5. Counsel contacted Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Mark R. Farthing and he consents to the motion to hold the case in abeyance pending a ruling from this Court.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathrine H. Hudgins
Senior Appellate Defender

Attorney for Appellant

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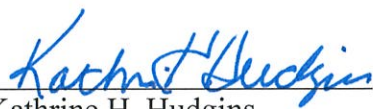
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance in the above-referenced case have been served upon Mark R. Farthing, Esquire at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 14th day of July, 2025.


Kathrine H. Hudgins
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Mr. Farthing,

Please find attached for service the motion to hold in abeyance for Ontario Lamar Staley's appeal which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Chris Stock
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