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SC Court of Appeals

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT**

Ricky Gerald Masters II and

Angela Denise Masters,

aka Angela D. Elliott,

Petitioners-Appellants,

v.

Guardian Fidelity Mortgage, Inc.,

Respondent.

Appellate Case No.

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

To the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court of South Carolina: COME NOW, Ricky Gerald Masters II and Angela Denise Masters, aka Angela D. Elliott, Petitioners-Appellants, proceeding pro se, and respectfully move this Honorable Court for an order permitting them to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the above-captioned matter, thereby waiving all court costs and fees associated with filing their petition for a writ of certiorari and appendix. In support of this motion, Petitioners submit the attached affidavit detailing their severe financial hardship and inability to pay the required fees. Petitioners rely on Rule 261 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), which allows for proceedings *in forma pauperis* upon a showing of indigency.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners respectfully request that this Court grant their motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* and waive all associated court costs and fees.

Respectfully submitted,


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Date: July 24, 2025

Affidavit in Support of Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF YORK**

We, Ricky Gerald Masters II and Angela Denise Masters, aka Angela D. Elliott, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

- **We are the Petitioners-Appellants in the above-captioned matter before the Supreme Court of South Carolina.**
- **We are unable to pay the court costs and fees associated with filing our petition for a writ of certiorari due to our severe financial hardship.**
- **Our current financial situation as of July 24, 2025, is as follows: a. Income:**
 - **Ricky Gerald Masters II: No income since November 2022, awaiting disability decision (filed January 2023).**
 - **Angela Denise Masters: \$1,639 per month in disability benefits.**

b. Expenses:

- **Expenses: utilities (e.g., \$650), food (e.g., \$500), transportation (e.g., \$350), medical costs (e.g., \$200).**
- **Due to our limited income and significant expenses, we cannot afford the court fees without sacrificing basic necessities.**
- **Additionally, we have faced significant financial challenges, including:**
 - **The foreclosure of our home at 460 Howell Road, York, SC 29745, on June 2, 2025, by Guardian Fidelity Mortgage, Inc.**
 - **A Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing on February 3, 2025 (Case No. 25-00404-HB), with the stay lifted on May 2, 2025, allowing the foreclosure.**
 - **Unresolved insurance claims with Foremost Insurance (Farmers) for Hurricane Helene damage, inspected on May 2, 2025, with a complaint filed with the South Carolina Department of Insurance (Case No. 255828) on May 17, 2025.**

- A pending FEMA investigation into a fraudulent Hurricane Helene claim, verified by Senator Lindsey Graham's letter dated May 12, 2025. These events have depleted our resources and left us with no means to pay the court fees.
- We respectfully request that the Court grant our motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

We declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 24 th day of July 2025.

Ricky Gerald Masters II
Ricky Gerald Masters II

Angela Denise Masters
Angela Denise Masters, aka Angela D. Elliott

Sworn to and subscribed before me this July 24th 2025.

Andrew L. Master

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 11-18-32