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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Greenville County

G.D. Morgan, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOHN TUFTON BLAUVELT,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000315

MOTION TO TRANSPORT
SEALED EXHIBITS

Appellant moves this Court to transport a sealed exhibit to allow for inspection of the exhibit by counsel of record for both parties to the appeal to determine whether any issue relating to the exhibit should be filed as part of appellant's direct appeal. In support of appellant's motion, appellant provides this Court with a copy of the order removing the exhibit from the public record (Exhibit A). Appellant discussed this matter with Melody Brown, Esquire, of the Attorney General's Office. Ms. Brown does not object to the transporting of the sealed exhibit and the inspection of the sealed exhibit by counsel.

Appellant was charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. The state moved to admit this photograph and defense counsel objected to its

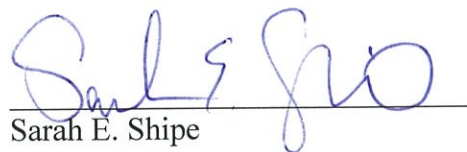
admission. The Honorable G.D. Morgan, Jr., found the photograph admissible and on his own motion and at the request of the Greenville County Clerk of Court, issued an order excluding state's exhibit 31 from the public record of the case.

When appellate counsel sought to review the exhibit, appellate counsel was informed that the Clerk of Court considered the exhibit to have been placed under seal. In light of this, counsel files this motion with no objection from opposing counsel, Ms. Brown.

In order to determine whether to raise an issue concerning the admissibility of the photograph in her brief, appellate counsel needs to review the exhibit to determine whether such an issue has merit. It is in the best interest of all parties to have appellate counsel review the photograph prior to deciding to raise the issue on appeal.

Appellant respectfully requests the sealed exhibit (state's exhibit #31) be transported to this Court while remaining under seal. Appellant further requests this Court to allow for inspection of the sealed exhibit by counsel of record for both parties to the appeal. Appellant has attached a proposed transportation order for this Court's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah E. Shipe
Appellate Defender

This 25th day of July, 2025.

EXHIBIT

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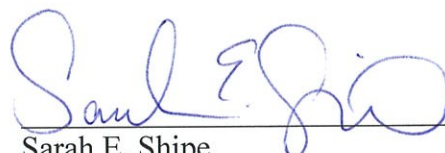
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 25th day of July, 2025.



Sarah E. Shipe
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT