

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS, SOUTH CAROLINA

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THE STATE V. STEVEN FRANTZ

S.C. SUPREME COURT

CIVIL CASE NUMBER 880295

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On Appeal from the Judgement of the Magistrate Court in Jasper County, South Carolina

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APPELLANT'S REQUIRED FILING OF A RECORD ON APPEAL  
BRIEF IN SUPPORT

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Mr. Alan Wilson, Attorney General, South Carolina  
Andrew D. Powell, Assistant Attorney General, South Carolina  
Honorable Henry McMaster, Governor, South Carolina  
Senator Lindsey Graham, United States Senator  
Congresswoman Nancy Mace, United States Representative  
Congressman Max Miller, United States Representative  
Jasper County Legislative Delegation  
South Carolina BAR Association

- I do not accept the merit of this Criminal Case as no Notice was given informing me how this case magically became Criminal from a Civil Case.
- I have tried to defend myself upon the mercy of this court but, seemingly, no avail. It is clear concern lie within following the Court's form and rules, not simply presenting the truth, thus making the Court blind. My phone calls to the Court remain unanswered, with no return phone call courtesy. Based upon The Attorney General's latest Motion to Strike I question why the Attorney General is involved at all. This is the first time an attorney has been involved at all in this Civil Case. All I have provided to the Court, it seems obvious, to me, you wish not to see the truth of this case. I would, however, like to still clarify some points along this journey.
- I had an unidentifiable man (later identified as Robbie Smith) with a gun approach me while I was stopped along the side of a road. Myself and my family were threatened with his violence, to even find us in Ohio if I did not concede myself to his demands. Terrified of him, I did, under duress. Therefore, nothing I may have said or done can be held against a man under duress.
- Robbie Smith asked for identification, of which I gave him my US military ID. This upset Mr. Smith because of my military affiliation. He then took pictures of my US military ID with his phone, in violation of Federal Law.
- Robbie Smith held me with the threat of a gun, to the point of not allowing a Sheriff deputy to perform his duty, instead waiting for a South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Officer (Carter DuPree) to arrive. I later found out Robbie Smith, a former SCDNR officer was working in collusion with current SCDNR employee Carter DuPree.
- Officer Carter DuPree got involved in a Civil matter, no wildlife or wildlife lands were involved. The Sheriff Deputy informed myself, Officer Carter Dupree, and Robbie Smith there was no probable cause. Furthermore, there was no witness to any alleged Civil offense. Even after searching our van, Officer Carter DuPree concluded there was no wildlife violations, agreeing with the Sheriff Deputy.
- Even though there was no trespass warning or verbal warning given, standing alongside on the road, Officer Dupree wrote a ticket for \$260.00 (a "potential clerical error" according to Mr. Powell), over two and a half times the maximum allowable \$100.00 fine for simple trespass. This "potential clerical error" is a clear violation of my 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights. It seems

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**PROOF OF SERVICE REQUIRED FILING OF A RECORD ON APPEAL**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM JASPER COUNTY Court of Common Pleas

S. Joanne McDonald (deceased), Magistrate Court Judge

CIVIL CASE NUMBER 880295

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

v.

STEVEN FRANTZ

Appellant.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served this **PROOF OF SERVICE AMENDED RECORD ON APPEAL AND MOTION FOR A DIRECTED VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY, BRIEF IN SUPPORT** on the State of South Carolina by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on July 7, 2025, addressed to the State of South Carolina's attorney of record, Andrew D. Powell, Esquire, Assistant Attorney General, Post Office Box 11549, Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1549; Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire, Attorney General, Post Office Box 11549, Columbia, South Carolina 29211; Honorable Henry McMaster, Governor, State House, 1100 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201; Senator Lindsey Graham, United States Senate, 211 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510; Congresswoman Nancy Mace, United States Representative, 710 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902; Congressman Max Miller, United States Representative, 72 Public Square, Medina, OH 44256; and the Jasper County Legislative Delegation, P.O. Box 2433, Ridgeland, SC 29936.

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of jurisdiction or unauthorized practice of the law as well as using this law to punish me more than they are allowed to, even rewriting the law. This all seems a little strange to me.

- Mr. Powell, and now including Mr. Alan Wilson, Attorney General for South Carolina are, once again, praying to this Court. I believe this to be a clear violation of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments. Mr. Powell has elevated this Court as his god, making this Court his religion. Mr. Powell clearly shows there is no separation between his church (Court) and his state (South Carolina).

- Because I am from out of state, and a 35-year veteran of the United States Army is no reason to try to change established legal doctrine. As someone who has sworn to uphold the Constitution for 35 years of my adult life, I expected the system to work, not just for me, but for everyone, regardless of race, creed, religion, or military affiliation.

- It is my wish this entire case be dismissed. There is no violation on my part due to the aforementioned statements.

Sincerely,

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Honorable John Kittridge,

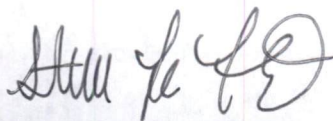
I am writing this letter in hopes my case sees the light of day with you (or even the Appellate Court of South Carolina). I have attached a bullet-by-bullet chronology of events which occurred four years ago and are now in the process of being "struck" by the Attorney General Alan Wilson and Assistant Attorney General Andrew D. Powell through the Appellate Court of South Carolina.

Amongst all the events listed, of particular note is the fact there is no transcript of the original trial, leaving me nothing with which to defend myself.

I will thank you, in advance, for any suggestions, remedy, or mercy you may be able impart upon this issue.

Thank you again for your time and consideration in this matter.

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