

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

SC Court of Appeals

Robert L. Reibold, Administrative Law Judge

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Case No. 2025-001423

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James Edward Johnson, Jr. #353643,

Appellant

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections,

Respondent.

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MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS AND FOR PREPARATION OF  
TRANSCRIPT AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE

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Appellant, James Edward Johnson, Jr., acting *pro se* (representing myself), respectfully moves this Honorable Court pursuant to Rule 608 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR) for an Order permitting me to proceed with this appeal *in forma pauperis* and for an Order directing that the transcript of the proceedings below be prepared at government expense.

In support of this motion, Appellant states the following:

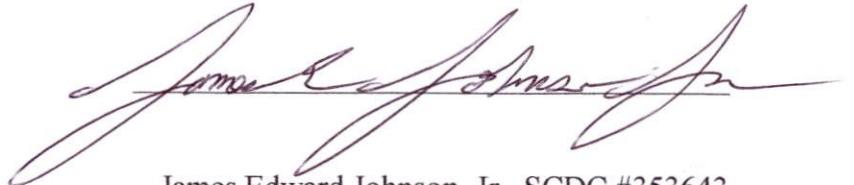
1. I am the Appellant in the above-captioned matter, appealing a final Order of Dismissal entered by the South Carolina Administrative Law Court on May 29, 2025.
2. I wish to continue my appeal in good faith because I believe I am entitled to the relief sought and that the Administrative Law Court committed reversible error. This appeal is not brought for any improper purpose, such as to harass or cause unnecessary delay.
3. As shown in the attached **Affidavit of Indigency** (attached hereto as Exhibit A), I am an inmate in the custody of the South Carolina Department of Corrections. I do not have the funds or assets to pay the filing fees, court costs, or security associated with this appeal.
4. A transcript of the hearing(s) held before the Administrative Law Court is essential for a proper and meaningful review of the issues on appeal. Without the transcript, I cannot effectively present my arguments, and this Court cannot fully review the record for error.
5. As detailed in my Affidavit of Indigency, I cannot afford to pay the court reporter for the cost of preparing this necessary transcript.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellant James Edward Johnson, Jr. respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant this Motion and enter an Order that:

1. Permits the Appellant to proceed with this appeal *in forma pauperis*;
2. Waives all applicable filing fees and court costs;
3. Directs the Clerk of the Administrative Law Court to prepare and transmit the transcript of the proceedings for the Record on Appeal at government expense; and

4. Grants any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

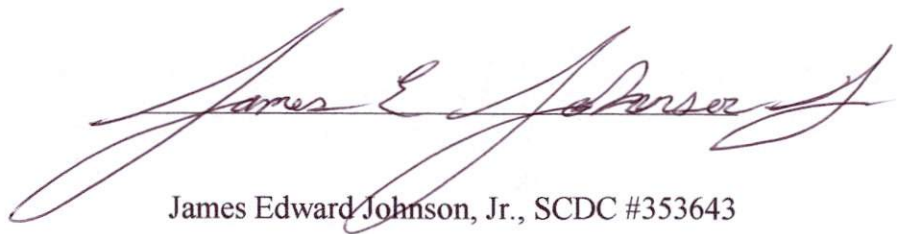
I, James Edward Johnson, Jr., Appellant, hereby certify that on Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis and Affidavit of Indigency was served upon the Respondent by depositing said copy/copies into the institutional mail system to be forwarded via U.S. Mail by an authorized institutional staff member, rather than directly into the U.S. Mail by myself:

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