

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court  
Appeal from Administrative Law Court  
Ralph Anderson, Administrative Law Judge  
Appellate Case No. 2025-001603

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Department of Probation, Parole, Pardon  
Services . . . . . Respondent.

v.

Patrick Strozier . . . . . Appellant.

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Brief of Appellant

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Pursuant to Rule 208 SCAC INITIAL BRIEFS Section 3, Appellant  
now submit this Brief of Appellant being served upon the South  
Carolina Court of Appeals.

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s/ Patrick Strozier  
Patrick Strozier

The Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb ofc) since the law library was closed on my assigned Unit day Wednesday September 10, 2025, when will I be permitted to get legal copie(s) of my Court deadline. I was told by Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb ofc), that I will be permitted to received legal copies on September 11, 2025. Appellant then submitted a Request to Staff Member via the assigned inmate tablet reference no. 04U2803, alerting Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb ofc), that due to her not allowing me to receive the requested legal copie(s) in order to comply with directives from the Court of Appeals that my court deadline has been dismissed. Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb ofc) disposition to my Request to Staff Member was my claim of Denial of Access to the Courts is invalid.

### Argument

#### Agency Policy GA.01.03, Inmate Access to The Courts

12.1 Inmates may request photocopies of their legal materials and documents to support a pleading. All photocopying must relate to challenging or appealing the inmate's sentence or to challenging the conditions of his/her confinement.

Appellant argues that he submitted all documents attached to the standard Agency form 19-14, Request to Staff Member form requesting to Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb ofc) to make all the appropriate legal copies so that Appellate may be able to comply with directives of South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb) disposition back to my request to Staff dated 9.29.25 @ 2:15pm. Appellant argument is invalid as to being denied Access to the Courts, Access to legal photo copies.

### Actual Injury

Appellant now states that Actual Injury has been done to where this Court permitted Appellant TEN (10) days to correct all deficiencies and serve all Respondents. Due to the Correctional employee Ms. Cobb not allowing Appellant to receive legal photo copies in order for Appellant to comply with this Court's directive dated August 13, 25.

That the Perry Correctional Institution Administration has no posted schedule informing Appellant of days legal photo copies will be made. The only time Appellant is permitted to receive legal photo copies is Wednesday is Unit Q3 day to use the institutional Law library receive legal photo copies.

Appellant now has received an Order filed September 11, 2025 informing Appellant Appellate case no. 2025-001603, pursuant to Appellant's failure to provide Notice of Appeal in proper format. The Perry Correctional Institution Administration did not nor does not have in place an alternative Correctional NON- security employee to make legal photo copies when Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb) is not present to perform her duties.

### Statement of the Case

Appellant filed an Administrative Grievance upon the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, Pardon Services pursuant to Barton investigation 404 S.C. 395, 745, 2.E.2d 110 (2013). pursuant to Rose v. South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (PPPS), 429 S.C. 136, S.C. 838 S.E.2d 505 (2020) to require (PPPS) to carry out the result of the vote the parole board already made.

pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws § 24-21-645, Appellant Administrative Grievance was denied at the Step 1 process, pursuant to Agency Policy GA-01.12, "Inmate Grievance System Section 8.4.3, (Parole board decisions),

Appellant then appeal the Step 1 decision to South Carolina Administrative Law Court June 6, 2025, with the directive to attached the Step 2 of the Agency Final decision. Appellant then attached a copy of the Step 1 back to the Administrative Law Court on July 23, 2025, the Administrative Law Court directive Appellant to attach the Step 2 Final decision of the Agency.

Appellant now as he has filed this Brief to this Court is still being denied Access to the Courts, Access to the legal photo copies where Appellant requested on (2) two different occasions to have legal photo copies made but due to whatever reason(s) the requested legal photo copies were not made.

### Standard of Review

Appellate states Appellate case no. 2025.001603, should be allowed to continue when this court directive to Appellant to correct the deficiencies within the Notice of Appeal. Due to not being provided necessary access to legal photo copies is the main reason upon the Administrative Grievance not being process which Appellate had no chance to present to the Administrative Law Court a final decision from South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Standard of Review comes pursuant SCACR 203. Notice of Appeal Section 6, whereby this court's Standard of Review comes as Appellate has tried to follow all directives of the Rules of the Appellate Court.

## Argument

Appellant argues that the South Carolina Department of Corrections Agency Policy GA.01.03, Inmate Access to the Courts section 12.1, gives Appellate access to legal photo copies. Due to the Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb) who is in charge of photo copying was not at work on September 10, 2025, Appellate tried again to retrieve the legal photo copies on September 12, 2025, then again upon a Request to Staff Member dated 9.22.25, Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb) disposition enclosed.

Appellant has shown on (3) three different dates that the Perry Correctional Institution Administration, Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb) denied Appellate Access to the Courts, Access to legal photo copies. There is no schedule notifying Appellate of times, dates legal photo copying will commence. Whenever Correctional employee (Ms. Cobb) is not available to work the assigned Post, then there should be some other means for legal photo copies to be made.

Appellant Appellant case no: 2025-001603, By order dated Sept. 11, 25, has been dismissed due to NON-Compliance with Bounds supra to provide legal photo copies upon knowing about Appellant's Court deadline.

## Conclusion

Appellant states that due to the proof provided unto this court upon Appellant case no: 2025-001603, should be reopen and the requested hearing granted.

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
REQUEST TO STAFF MEMBER

SEP 22 2025

TO: STAFF NAME: Cobb		STAFF TITLE: Education Building	DATE: 9-22-25
INMATE NAME: Patrick Strazier		SCDC #: 119519	
INSTITUTION: Perry C.F.	DORM/SIDE/BED: 3B-215	HOUSING TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> RHU <input type="checkbox"/> R&E <input type="checkbox"/> INFIRMARY <input type="checkbox"/> SSR <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH ROW <input type="checkbox"/> ASSISTED LIVING UNIT (ALU) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
REASON FOR PAPER REQUEST: <input type="checkbox"/> PREA <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL <input type="checkbox"/> MENTAL HEALTH <input type="checkbox"/> DENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL COPAY <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL RECORDS <input type="checkbox"/> KIOSK INACCESSIBLE (EXPLAIN): _____			

YOU MUST USE THE KIOSK IF YOUR PAPER REQUEST DOES NOT MEET ANY OF THE CRITERIA ABOVE.

Subject Matter:  
Legal Copies

This Informal Resolution comes upon the Order from Court of Appeals, dated 9.11.25, whereby I came to the law library to get legal copies on 9.10.25, which the law library (The Education Building was closed) so then I had NO opportunity to get legal copies in order to comply with the directives of the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Therefore, now I'm sending the enclosed documents which now I'm requesting (3) three copies of each page. I request you return the requested copies through the institutional mail.

DISPOSITION BY STAFF MEMBER:

Your argument is invalid. Yes Education was **SEP 25 REC'D** closed on 9/10/25. Your next Dorm day was 9/17/25 Education was open that day. If you have a Deadline you can come to Education any day from 12-2pm. Please do not send your legal work in the mail. You need to come on your Dorm day to sign a Debit form.

DATE: 9/26/25	STAFF SIGNATURE: <i>R Cobb</i>
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Mr. Patrick Strozier #119519  
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Letter Agency Mail

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REQUEST TO STAFF MEMBER

TO: STAFF NAME: <i>Matthew C. Buchanan, Court of Appeals</i>		STAFF TITLE:	DATE: <i>10. 9. 25</i>
INMATE NAME: <i>Patrick Strower</i>		SCDC #: <i>219519</i>	
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Proof of Service

I certify that I have served my Notice of Appeal, which includes Brief of Appellant, Record Petition for leave to present additional Evidence, Petition for leave in forma pauperis waiving pre-payment of filing fees. Pursuant to Rules of Administrative Law Court Rules; Rules of the Appellate Court by depositing these documents within the United States Mail Postage Pre-Paid on 10-9-25, addressed =

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