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October 28, 2025

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
ctappfilings@sccourts.org

RE: The State v. Jose Ramirez – Appellate Case No. 2025-001968

Dear Ms. Kitchings:


To comply with the appropriate procedure, I filed the Notice of Appeal to protect Appellant Jose Ramirez's rights under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and applicable case law. I also mailed and emailed Defendant's completed Affidavit of Indigency to SCCID for their office's review and screening because we were not retained for continued representation on the appeal.

I am respectfully requesting an extension to request the transcript in the above reference appeal. We were advised that Mr. Ramirez had been approved by SCCID via email on October 16, 2025 (see attached). On October 27, 2025, we received notice that Mr. Ramirez had been in fact *denied* (see attached) due to concerns regarding property owned. Having only learned of OID's denial that our client is qualified for services yesterday, we are forwarding additional information to them to establish eligibility and need additional time for the trial transcripts to be requested.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely,



Robert T. Williams, Sr
SC Bar Number 6149
Attorney for Appellant

cc: Alan Wilson, Attorney General (via email)
Della White (via email)
Chief Appellate Defender Wanda Carter (via email)
Jose Ramirez (via mail)

Dana Gooding

From: Mcinnis, Sara <smcinnis@sccid.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 4:08 PM
To: Dana Gooding
Cc: Theo Williams
Subject: RE: [External] Jose Ramirez - OID

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Hi Dana!

He has been approved for our services, and we will order the transcript in his case in the next few days.

Thank y'all so much for your help!

Sara McInnis
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From: Dana Gooding <dgooding@wsblegal.com>
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Hey Sara! Hope you are doing well.

I am just following up to see if Jose had been screened yet.

Thanks in advance!

Dana Gooding



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From: Dana Gooding
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 9:09 AM
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Correct.

Thank you!

Dana Gooding



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Thank you so much! I would just like to confirm that the main trial dates were September 15-18, 2025, and there were no hearings outside of those days.

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From: Dana Gooding <dgooding@wsblegal.com>
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Please see the attached that was also placed in the mail today for overnight delivery.

Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Thank you!

Dana Gooding



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October 27, 2025

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Re: The State v. Jose M. Ramirez (Appellate Case No. 2025-001968)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Our office has reviewed the affidavit of indigency for Mr. Ramirez to determine if he is indigent. His affidavit noted that he owns property. The property located at 6945 Two Notch Road, Batesburg, SC 290036 is valued at \$239,350.00. Based on this and as required by Rule 602(b)(3), SCACR, Mr. Ramirez is not indigent and therefore does not qualify for our services. If he can provide documentation that this is not correct, please have him submit to our office in writing as soon as possible.

Please contact me if you should have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

s/ Della White
Administrative Coordinator

cc: S. C. Court of Appeals via email
Jose M. Ramirez via US MAIL