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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari-PCR-Greenville County
Hon. Alex Kinlaw, Jr. PCR Judge
Hon. Garrison Hill, Trial Judge

Appellate Case № 2025-001072

Jerald D. Gaskins, Jr. Respondent,

vs.

State of South Carolina, Petitioner.

Court of Appeals OP. № 2025-UP-046

Reply to Return as to Bond Pending Appeal

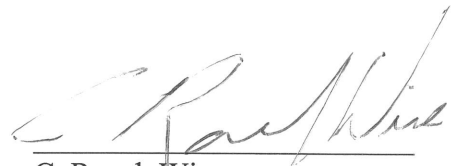
In response to the allegations of the Return of the State, Jerald D. Gaskins, Jr. would show to the court as follows:

1. As to the allegations of Rachel Waldrop, Mr. Gaskins would show that to the court that in 2016, Ms. Waldrop applied to visit Mr. Gaskins at the South Carolina Department of Corrections. This is evidence by the attached visitation list for Mr. Gaskins. At the termination of parental rights hearing, Ms. Gaskins testified this was done at the advise of her therapist, but after applying she decided not to apply. A copy of her testimony is attached.
2. As to the allegations of Skylan Waldrop, the fact should be noted that Skylan was born

on October 27, 2010. Mr. Gaskins and the mother of Skylan Waldrop separated on or about April 15, 2012 when Skylan was about 18 months old. Due to the contentious divorce, Mr Gaskins had very little contact with Skylan after the separation in 2012. Any knowledge Skylan has about Mr. Gaskins would have to have been obtained from Ms. Waldrop and not through direct contact with Mr. Gaskins. The amount of contact between Mr. Gaskins and Skylan can be documented in the records of this court found in the filing in *Waldrop v. Gaskins*, № 2020-000368 (S.C.Ct.App. February 5, 2021).

For the foregoing reasons and for the reasons set forth in the Motion for Appeal Bond, Mr. Jerald D. Gaskins, Jr. respectfully requests that his Motion for Appeal Bond be granted.

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