

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Joseph Gibbs, #185709, Petitioner,

v.

South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and
Pardon Services, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001986

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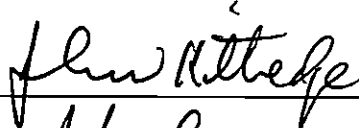
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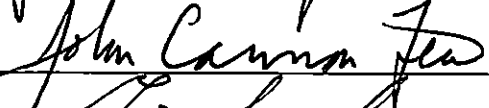
ORDER

Petitioner's appeal was dismissed by the court of appeals for failure to pay the \$250 notice of appeal filing fee after the court denied Petitioner's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner has now filed a petition for a writ of certiorari from the dismissal order and a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* before this Court. Respondent did not file a return to the motion.

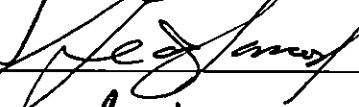
Petitioner is not entitled to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this appeal of a routine parole denial where Respondent explicitly stated it considered the requisite statutory factors in rendering its decision. *See Allen v. S.C. Dep't of Corr.*, 439 S.C. 164, 171, 886 S.E.2d 671, 674 (2023); *Compton v. S.C. Dep't of Prob., Parole & Pardon Servs.*, 385 S.C. 476, 479, 685 S.E.2d 175, 177 (2009); *Ex parte Martin*, 321 S.C. 533, 535, 471 S.E.2d 134, 134–35 (1995). Therefore, the motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* and the petition for a writ of certiorari are both denied.




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Scott H. Verdine J.

Columbia, South Carolina
November 19, 2025

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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings