

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Jody Lynn Ward, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001703

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## ORDER

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On October 7, 2025, Petitioner moved to relieve counsel, Tristan Shaffer, Esquire. On October 20, 2025, Attorney Shaffer also filed a motion to be relieved and moved to extend the time for ordering the transcript. After careful consideration, we hold this appeal in abeyance for thirty days to allow the Office of Appellate Defense to screen this case. We will act on the motion to relieve counsel and for an extension of time to order the transcript upon receipt of a response from Appellate Defense.

  
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FOR THE COURT J.

Columbia, South Carolina

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