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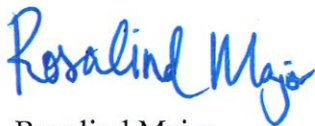
Re: Transcript Request Overdue in *Rickey Lee Blackwell v. State of South Carolina*, 2025-001377

Dear Office of Court Administration,

Pursuant to South Carolina Court Rule of Appellate Procedure Rule 207(a)(5), this letter is sent to notify all relevant parties that Appellant, Rickey Lee Blackwell, has not yet received the transcript he requested on September 17, 2025, for the September 8, 2022 hearing in his capital post-conviction proceedings. The transcript was requested from the court reporter Penny M. Johnson and was due to counsel on November 17, 2025. Counsel did not receive the transcript by that date and have not received notification of an extension since that date. Copies of the initial request form and email correspondence indicating receipt of the request are attached to this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information from me at this time.

Kindly,



Rosalind Major

Enclosure

cc:

Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina (via email)
Penny M. Johnson (via email)
Melody Brown, Esq. (via email)



Cierra Negron-Saullo <cierra@deathpenaltyresource.org>

Transcript Request for Docket Number 2018-CP-42-00928

3 messages

Cierra Negron-Saullo <cierra@justice360sc.org>
To: Transcripts <transcripts@sccourts.org>, pjohnson@sccourts.org

Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 4:19 PM

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a transcript request form for the above case number. Please note that I am sending in this request via email and paper form as the portal would only populate Judges from Spartanburg County and this hearing was conducted during Judge Hall's term in Greenwood County.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

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Warm Regards,
Cierra Negron-Saullo
Paralegal & Development Coordinator, Justice 360
900 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201 | (803) 765-1044

 **2022.09.08 Blackwell Transcript Request pjohnson@sccourts.org.docx**
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Johnson, Penny <pjohnson@sccourts.org>
To: Cierra Negron-Saullo <cierra@justice360sc.org>

Thu, Sep 18, 2025 at 10:14 AM

I have received your request and will get this prepared as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Penny M. Johnson

Court Reporter III

2nd Judicial Circuit

From: Cierra Negron-Saullo <cierra@justice360sc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 8:19 PM
To: Transcripts <transcripts@sccourts.org>; Johnson, Penny <pjohnson@sccourts.org>
Subject: Transcript Request for Docket Number 2018-CP-42-00928

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**Cierra Negron-Saullo** <cierra@justice360sc.org>  
To: "Johnson, Penny" <pjohnson@sccourts.org>

Thu, Sep 18, 2025 at 11:53 AM

Thank you so much!

Warm Regards,  
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**TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM**

Pursuant to Rule 207 and 607 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, the transcribed paper copy is the official record of court proceedings. You may request a transcript by completing this form and emailing it to the Court Reporter/Transcriptionist and to South Carolina Court Administration at [transcripts@sccourts.org](mailto:transcripts@sccourts.org). If WebEx or DCRP were used to capture the record, please indicate below and send the form to [transcripts@sccourts.org](mailto:transcripts@sccourts.org).

| Requestor's Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                              |
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| <b>Full Name</b><br>Lindsey S. Vann                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Law Firm/Agency</b><br>Justice 360                                                                                                  | <b>Phone Number</b><br>803-765-1044                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                              |
| <b>Email Address</b><br>cierra@justice360sc.org                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                        | <b>Mailing Address</b><br>900 Elmwood Ave, Ste. 200, Columbia, SC 29201                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                              |
| Is the requestor a party in the case? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                              |
| If no, does the requestor represent a party? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name of party Ricky Blackwell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                              |
| Transcript Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                              |
| <b>Docket Number</b><br>2018-CP-42-00928                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Full Case Caption</b> (i.e. State v. John Doe or John Smith v. Jane Smith)<br>Ricky Lee Blackwell, #6033 v. State of South Carolina |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Circuit</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br><b>Family</b> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Date(s) of Proceeding</b><br>09/08/2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>County</b> Greenwood                                                                                                                | <b>Appeal</b><br>pending<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Death Penalty</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>Presiding Judge</b><br>Judge Daniel Hall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                        | <b>Special Circumstances</b><br>Is the hearing to be transcribed one of the following:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Termination of parental rights<br><input type="checkbox"/> Adoption<br><input type="checkbox"/> Any actions involving child custody/visitation.                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                              |
| <b>Opposing Counsel(s)</b> (name and email address)<br>Melody Brown, Esq. Mbrown@scag.gov<br>Tommy Evans, Jr., Esq. TEvans@scag.gov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                        | <b>Delivery Timeframe</b><br>(check Rule 607 for current page rates)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Quote<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rough Draft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Overnight delivery<br><input type="checkbox"/> Daily delivery<br><input type="checkbox"/> Expedited delivery (7 days) <b>Due on/before:</b> <input type="text"/><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular delivery (60 days) |                                                                                              |
| <b>Court Reporter(s)</b><br>Penny M. Johnson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> WebEx<br><input type="checkbox"/> DCRP                                                                        | <b>Delivery Method</b> (additional fees may apply)<br><input type="checkbox"/> PDF / Email<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hard Copy/Priority Mail (\$50 + shipping)<br><input type="checkbox"/> PDF & Hard Copy/Priority Mail (\$50 + shipping)                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                              |
| <b>Portion of proceeding to be transcribed</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entire hearing<br><input type="checkbox"/> Voir dire by juror<br><input type="checkbox"/> Jury selection<br><input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff's opening statement<br><input type="checkbox"/> Defendant's opening statement<br><input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff's closing arguments<br><input type="checkbox"/> Defendant's closing arguments<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entire direct examination<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entire cross examination<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entire redirect<br><input type="checkbox"/> Examination of witness (W) by attorney (A)<br>W: <input type="text"/><br>A: <input type="text"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> Ruling of the court |                                                                                                                                        | <b>Responsible Payor</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private / Self<br><input type="checkbox"/> Court Appointed Counsel<br>Appeals Attorney <input type="text"/><br>Email <input type="text"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              |
| <b>Next Hearing Date</b> <input type="text"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                              |

**Requestor's Signature:** Lindsey S. Vann  
09/17/2025  
*(Typed name will serve as signature)*

**Date:**

**NOTE:** Requests will be processed pursuant to Rule 207 and 607 of the SCACR. Rule 607(h) governs the fees for transcripts, which are not provided for free or at reduced rates to **any** party, regardless of indigent status. Please promptly submit your payment in the method of payment requested, in order for the transcript to be produced. In some cases, a deposit may be required before the transcript can be placed in the production queue. You may also request a quote before deciding to order. **If you need to cancel the transcript request for any reason, you are responsible for paying for the pages of the transcript that have already been completed at the time of the cancellation.**

If you are ordering a transcript pursuant to Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR, you must contemporaneously furnish all SCCA 800 (03.2023)



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parties, the Office of Court Administration, and the clerk of the appellate court with copies of all correspondence with the court reporter or transcriptionist.