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APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY
Kristi F. Curtis, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2024-002210

The State,Respondent,

v.

Francisco Cortes,.....Appellant.

DESIGNATION OF MATTER

In addition to the matter designated by Appellant, Respondent proposes the following matter to be included in the Record on Appeal:

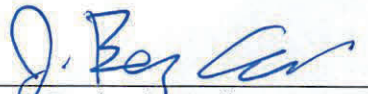
- (1) Entire Trial Transcript (December 16-18, 2024).**

To facilitate the preparation of the Final Briefs, Respondent requests that counsel for Appellant retain the page numbers of the revised transcript in the Record on Appeal, in addition to the new page numbers. The undersigned hereby certifies this Designation contains no matter which is irrelevant to this appeal.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Susan Spencer, Legal Assistant, hereby certify that I have served the *Initial Brief of Respondent* and *Designation of Matter*, both dated January 9, 2026, on Appellant by sending an electronic copy via email to Kathrine H. Hudgins, counsel of record for Appellant, at the address listed for counsel in AIS.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served. This 9th day of January, 2026.



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Good afternoon Ms. Hudgins,

Attached please find the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in [The State v. Francisco Cortes](#) (2024-002210). These documents will be filed today with the Court of Appeals via the AIS OneDrive system. If you will, please confirm receipt.

Thank you.

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