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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
J. Cordell Maddox, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-000869

David Gates, Petitioner

vs.

The State Respondent.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sandy Traynham, hereby Certify that I am the secretary for the attorney for the
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