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January 22, 2026

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: State v. David Fields
Appellate Case No. 2025-000437

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I have not received the transcript in the above-referenced case. I respectfully request that the transcript be produced as expeditiously as possible.

The transcript in this case was initially ordered by the Office of Appellate Defense on March 28, 2025. The court reporter responded that the transcript would be ready by May 28, 2025. On June 5, 2025, an extension was granted until June 28, 2025. On July 23, 2025, the Court sent Appellate Defense a letter indicating that the transcript was overdue. On August 6, 2025, Appellate Defense sent a letter advising they had not received the transcript or another extension request.

I filed a motion to substitute counsel on August 7, 2025, which was granted by the Court on August 20, 2025. Since Appellate Defense had still not received the transcript, I ordered it on behalf of Mr. Fields on August 21, 2025. On October 31, 2025, an extension was granted until November 21, 2025. On December 4, 2025, the court reporter was granted two extensions at the same time, one until December 21, 2025 and another until January 21, 2026.

The transcript that was originally ordered on March 28, 2025 has still not been produced and has been extended four separate times. I emailed the court reporter this morning and got an automatic reply that she is out on medical leave until April 21, 2026.

I respectfully request that the transcript be produced and delivered as soon as possible so that Mr. Fields' appeal can move forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

s/Adam Ruffin _____

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cc: Mark Farthing, Esquire
Kymberlee Williams
Tammie Holmes
South Carolina Court Administration

Automatic reply: David Fields Transcript

From Williams, Kymberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>

Date Thu 2026-01-22 9:57 AM

To Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>

I will be out of the office for medical leave until 04/21/26.

I will be checking emails periodically, but I may not be able to respond the same day.

Thank you for your understanding.

**Kymberlee Williams, CSR/RPR
State of South Carolina
Official Circuit Court Reporter III
[\(843\) 575-4428](tel:8435754428)**

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