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Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk of Court
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South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Status of Transcript – Rule 207, SCACR
Danielle C. Brown v. Crystal Brown Nwaneri
Appellate Case No. 2025-002014

Dear Clerk and Deputy Clerk,

I write in response to the Court's letter dated January 6, 2026 requesting that I advise the Court within ten days regarding the status of the trial transcript in the above-referenced appeal.

1. Transcript Request and Payment Arrangements

On September 30, 2025, I submitted a transcript request pursuant to Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR. Shortly thereafter, a billing dispute arose concerning the court reporter's invoice and the applicable transcript fee schedule. As a result, "satisfactory arrangements (including agreement regarding payment for the transcript)" within the meaning of Rule 207 and Rule 607 were not finalized until December 29, 2025, when I remitted payment in accordance with the revised invoice.

2. Date Transcript Was Received

Following resolution of the invoice and payment on **December 29, 2025**, the court reporter delivered the transcript to me on **January 5, 2026**. I am now in possession of the full transcript for purposes of preparing the record on appeal and my initial brief.

3. Compliance with Rule 207

The South Carolina Judicial Branch's guidance on obtaining transcripts provides that, pursuant to Rule 207 and Rule 607, court reporters have sixty (60) days to prepare and deliver the transcript after satisfactory payment arrangements are made. Under that guidance, I understood the sixty-day

period for delivery to run from December 29, 2025—when payment arrangements were finally resolved—rather than from the original request date. In any event, the transcript was actually delivered on January 5, 2026, which is within sixty days of the date payment arrangements were finalized.

I acknowledge that, because of the billing dispute, I did not send a separate notice to the Court during the fall of 2025 stating that I had not yet received the transcript. I was in communication with the court reporter attempting in good faith to resolve the billing issues and remit payment, and I believed the reporter's time to deliver the transcript was tied to the completion of "satisfactory payment arrangements." I respectfully apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused the Court.

4. Initial Brief Deadline and Assurance of Diligence

Under Rule 208(a)(1), SCACR, my initial brief is due thirty (30) days after receiving the transcript. Because I received the transcript on **January 5, 2026**, my deadline for serving and filing my initial brief is **approximately February 4, 2026**. I am diligently working on the brief and fully intend to file and serve it on or before that date.

In light of the above, I respectfully request that the Court take no adverse action against my appeal based on the timing of the transcript, and that the briefing schedule be deemed to run from January 5, 2026, the date on which I actually received the transcript.

Please let me know if the Court requires any further information or documentation regarding the transcript request, invoice, or payment history.

Respectfully submitted,



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