

RECEIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

JAN 28 2026

In The Court of Appeals

SC Court of Appeals

The State,

Respondent,

VS

Ray Edward Chestnut,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001447

MOTION TO EXPEDITE DISPOSITION OF APPEAL

COMES NOW Appellant, Ray Edward Chestnut, pro se, and respectfully moves this Court to expedite disposition of this appeal, and in support states:

1. This appeal has been submitted to the Court for consideration, and no further briefing has been ordered.
2. The record reflects a facial, structural defect in the jury verdict, apparent from the verdict form itself.
3. The issue presented is purely legal, requires no fact-finding, and mandates vacatur if resolved in Appellant's favor.
4. Appellant remains incarcerated under a judgment that may be void on its face, raising immediate

liberty and due-process concerns.

5. Expedited resolution would conserve judicial resources and avoid unnecessary continued incarceration.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this court expedite disposition of this appeal, or grant such other relief as it deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

151 Ray Chestnut

Ray Edward Chestnut

Appellant, Pro-se

SCPC #304094

Kirkland Correctional Institution

4344 Broad River Road

Columbia, SC 29210

January 26, 2026

• "This motion is filed pro-se solely to request expedited disposition of the appeal and does not seek to waive counsel or supplement the merits."

**P. 2 of 3**

RECEIVED

JAN 28 2026

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

SC Court of Appeals

I certify that a copy of the foregoing "MOTION TO EXPEDITE DISPOSITION OF APPEAL" was served upon the parties addressed below by via U.S. mail with appropriate postage pre-paid on this 26th day of January, 2026.

Addressee(s):

Mark Reynolds Farthing, Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the S.C. Attorney General  
P.O. Box 11549  
Columbia, SC 29211

W. Chandler Norville, Appellate Defender  
S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense (SCCID)  
P.O. Box 11589  
Columbia, SC 29211

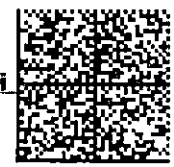
151 Ray Chestnut  
Ray Edward Chestnut

Ray Edward Chestnut, SCDC #304094  
Kirkland Correctional Institution  
4344 Broad River Road  
Columbia, SC 29210

COLUMBIA SC 290

26 JAN 2026 PM 4 1

RECEIVED



US POSTAGE<sup>SM</sup> PITNEY BOWES



ZIP 29210 \$ 000.74<sup>0</sup>  
02 4W  
0000378357 JAN 26 2026

JAN 28 2026

SC Court of Appeals

RECEIVED

JAN 26 2026

Kirkland R&E Center  
Mailroom

South Carolina Court of Appeals

Attn: Clerk of court

P.O. Box 11629

Columbia, SC 29211

29211-16299  
\* Legal mail

