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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Greenville County
The Honorable G.D. Morgan, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-001490

THE STATERESPONDENT

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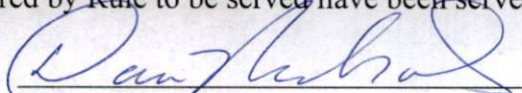
MATTHEW DALE BARTON,.....APPELLANT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Dawn K. Nichols, Executive Assistant, hereby certify that I have served the within *Initial Brief and Designation of Matter* on Appellant this 26th day of January, 2026, by depositing a copy of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.



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RE: **State v. Matthew Barton**
Case No.: 25-001490

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed the Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew C. Buchanan".

Matthew C. Buchanan
General Counsel

MCB:dn
Enclosures

cc: Gary Johnson, Esquire

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