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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Fairfield County

Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MERCURY LAMONT WILLIAMSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001309

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MOTION TO HOLD APPEAL IN ABEYANCE

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Counsel for Mercury Lamont Williamson respectfully moves to hold the above-captioned case in abeyance pending receipt of functional copies of State's Exhibit #1 and State's Exhibit #2 from Appellant's May 24-25, 2022 trial. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed February 5, 2026. This Court has granted four previous extensions in this case.

2. On Thursday, January 29, 2026, while reviewing the exhibits from Appellant's May 24-25, 2022 trial, undersigned counsel discovered that the copies of State's Exhibit #1 (Officer Anderson's In-car Camera Video Footage) and State's Exhibit #2 (Officer Anderson's Body Camera Video Footage) that were provided by the Fairfield County Clerk of Court's Office would not play. Undersigned counsel immediately consulted with technology staff at the Office of

Appellate Defense about this matter but was unable to get the exhibits to play.

3. On Friday, January 30, 2026, a staff member of the Office of Appellate Defense went to the Fairfield County Clerk of Court's office to attempt to obtain working copies of these exhibits but was unable to obtain copies due to staffing issues.

4. On January 30, 2026, undersigned counsel also contacted Appellant's trial counsel at the Fairfield County Public Defender's Office to see if trial counsel had working copies of these exhibits and trial counsel stated she would pull Appellant's file from storage and get back to undersigned counsel as soon as possible.

5. Also on January 30, 2026, undersigned counsel contacted opposing counsel to see if opposing counsel's office had software that would play the data in the format provided by the Clerk of Court or could obtain copies of the exhibits from the Fairfield County Solicitor's Office. Undersigned counsel spoke with opposing counsel again today and opposing counsel confirmed their technology staff is actively working on this matter.

6. A staff member of the Office of Appellate Defense contacted the Fairfield County Clerk of Court's Office on February 3, 2026, to schedule a time to attempt to obtain copies of the exhibits today but was ultimately able to schedule an appointment for tomorrow, February 5, 2026.

7. Undersigned counsel expects to obtain working copies of the exhibits through at least one of the above channels shortly.

8. Given all of the above, undersigned counsel respectfully requests this Court hold the case in abeyance pending receipt of functional copies of State's Exhibit #1 and State's Exhibit #2 from Appellant's May 24-25, 2022 trial. Counsel will immediately contact this Court upon receipt of the exhibits and will file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter within thirty days without asking for any additional extensions.

9. Undersigned counsel has spoken with counsel for the State, Mark R. Farthing, and opposing counsel has graciously consented to this motion.

10. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay, but due to the circumstances described above.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request that this Court hold the above-captioned case in abeyance pending receipt of functional copies of State's Exhibit #1 and State's Exhibit #2 from Appellant's May 24-25, 2022 trial. Counsel also requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending disposition of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joanna K. Delany  
Appellate Defender

This 4th day of February, 2026.

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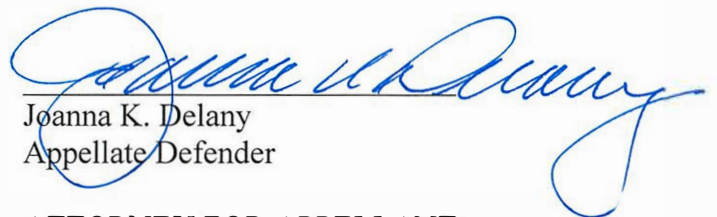
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
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Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance in the above-referenced case has been served upon Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 4th day of February, 2026.

  
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Joanna K. Delany  
Appellate Defender

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Good Afternoon Mr. Farthing,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is a motion to hold the appeal in abeyance, which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, February 4, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you!

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