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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the Court of Appeals

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Appeal from Cherokee County  
The Honorable R. Keith Kelly, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

DAVID EUGENE BAYNARD,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2024-002185

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The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court Order of April 24, 2024, the Final Brief of Respondent and Proof of Service, have been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Gary H. Johnson via email today, February 12, 2026, to [ghjohnson@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:ghjohnson@sccid.sc.gov) and to Mr. Johnson's assistant, Daniel Bast, [dbast@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:dbast@sccid.sc.gov).

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

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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Dear Mr. Johnson,

Please find attached the Respondent's Final Brief together with the Proof of Service. These documents will be filed with the South Carolina Court of Appeals today, February 12, 2026 along with a copy of this email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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