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The Honorable Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellant/Respondent,

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Date: 2-13-24

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# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Sumter County, Respondent,

v.

LA Express Logistics, LLC and Willie S. Spann, III,  
Appellants.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001006

The Honorable R. Kirk Griffin  
Sumter County  
Trial Court Case No. 2022CP4301389

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## ORDER

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Appellant has failed to notify the Court that the transcript was not received as required by Rule 207, SCACR, or serve and file the appellant's initial brief and designation of matter as required by Rule 208 and 209, SCACR, and this Court's letter dated January 16, 2026. Accordingly, this matter is dismissed. The remittitur will be sent as provided by Rule 221(b), SCACR.

FOR THE COURT  
BY Jasmine D. Smith, Deputy  
CLERK

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:

Jacob Henry Dippold, Esquire  
Patrick McFadden Killen, Esquire  
Austin Tyler Reed, Esquire  
George Murrell Smith, Jr., Esquire  
Willie S. Spann, III

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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Sumter County v. LA Express Logistics LLC and Willie Spann III

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Dear Clerk of the Court,

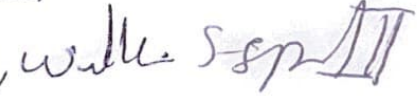
I am writing in response to the Court's correspondence regarding the status of the transcript in the above-referenced appeal.

I have received the transcript for the proceedings held on March 24, 2025. However, I also requested the transcript for the hearing held on November 7, 2022. I was provided with a price quote for the November 7, 2022 transcript in order to proceed, but as of today, that transcript has not been received.

Pursuant to Rule 207 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, I have contacted the Office of Court Administration to inquire about requesting and obtaining the November 7, 2022 transcript and am currently awaiting a response.

Upon receipt of further information or the outstanding transcript, I will promptly notify the Court and proceed accordingly. This correspondence is being copied to opposing counsel in compliance with the Court's instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie S. Spann, III, 

Appellant

5160 Hwy 15 N

Sumter, SC 29153

January 29,,2026

Clerk of the Court  
South Carolina Court of Appeals

Re: Appellate Case No. 2025-001006

L.A. Express Logistics, LLC and Willie S. Spann, III

v.

Sumter County

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Dear Clerk of the Court:

Please accept this correspondence by (Appellants) LA Express Logistics LLC and Willie S. Spann III formal request for **Reinstatement of the Appeal pursuant** following the Order of Dismissal entered in the above-referenced matter.

In support of reinstatement, Appellants respectfully state the following

The Appeal was dismissed for failure to notify the Court regarding transcript status pursuant to Rule 207, SCACR. Appellants timely requested additional transcripts necessary for the record and were provided price quotations in order to proceed; however, the requested transcripts have not yet been received. Appellants have contacted the South Carolina Office of Court Administration to inquire into the status and processing of the outstanding transcripts and are currently awaiting response. Appellants acknowledge that delays in notification and filing were due in part to miscommunication, as well as an internet service failure during the relevant timeframe, and not due to willful neglect.

For these reasons, Appellants respectfully request the courts leniency and consideration in allowing this matter to proceed on it's merits. Appellants affirm their commitment to full compliance with all appellate rules and deadlines moving forward. Please allow additional time for completion of the transcript record and subsequent briefing.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Willie S. Spann, III  
Appellant,  
5160 Hwy 15 N  
Sumter, SC 29153  
Telephone: 803-556-3262  
Email: [williespann30@gmail.com](mailto:williespann30@gmail.com)

Additionally, Appellants hereby notify the Court that a **\$50.00 check** is being mailed to the South Carolina Court of Appeals to satisfy the required filing fee associated with this reinstatement request.

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### Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this Reinstatement Letter has been served upon opposing counsel by U.S. Mail and/or email on this 13th day of February, 2026.

Austin Tyler Reed,

3200 Devine Street

Columbia SC 29205

803-254-5445

George Murrell Smith, Jr.,

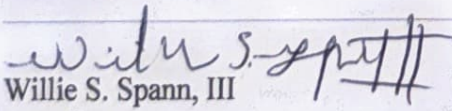
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Willie S. Spann, III  
Appellant,

February 13, 2026



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Date: October 13, 2025

**BILL TO:**

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**FOR:**

Production of transcript

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