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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Pickens County

Honorable Jessica A Salvini, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

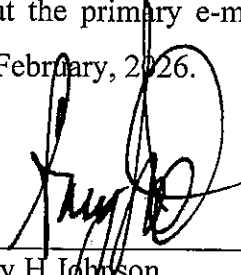
MATTHEW GILLESPIE,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000562

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter 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 19th day of February, 2026.



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Dear Farthing,

Attached please find a copy of the Initial Brief of Appellant in the above referenced case that is being filed today with the Supreme Court.

-Scott Leverett
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