

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Berkeley County

Honorable Roger M. Young, Circuit Court Judge  
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**SC Court of Appeals**

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

GARY LAFETTE GRANT,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002357  
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MOTION TO REINSTATE APPEAL  
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Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, the undersigned counsel requests reinstatement of the appeal in the above titled case. The following facts presented below support this petition.

1. Gary Lafette Grant was convicted of murder, armed robbery, two counts of first degree burglary, and four counts of kidnapping during a jury trial held on August 27, 2007, at the Charleston County General Sessions Court before Judge Deadra Jefferson, who sentenced Mr. Grant to life imprisonment on the murder conviction and thirty-years on each of the remaining convictions. The case was affirmed on appeal. See State v. Grant, Unpublished Opinion No. 2012-UP-406 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed July 11, 2012).

2. On September 29, 2025, a hearing was held at the Berkeley County Courthouse before Judge Roger M. Young Sr. in response to a Rule 29(b), SCRCrimP, Motion for a New Trial

on After Discovered Evidence previously filed by Mr. Grant. On November 4, 2025, Judge Young signed an Order Denying Defendant's Motion for a New Trial. A Pro Se Notice of Appeal was timely filed by Mr. Grant and received by this Court on November 20, 2025. On November 25, 2025, the Court assigned the above appellate case number to the appeal.

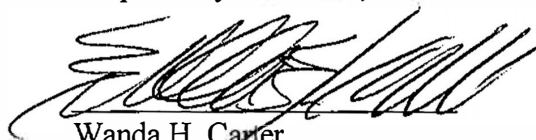
3. On December 19, 2025, the Court sent correspondence advising that the time deadline in which to order the transcript in the appeal had expired; and on January 2, 2026, the Court dismissed the appeal and submitted notification that the remittitur would be sent to the lower court.

4. However, the missed time limit to order the transcript was due to an internal inquiry and examination with respect to the matter of whether Mr. Grant's case qualified for appellate representation by our office. It has now been determined that our office will undertake representation of Mr. Grant's case in this appeal. Inasmuch as the delay in ordering the transcript occurred pending a resolution regarding the status of the case in our office, this petition requesting reinstatement of the appeal is being submitted in good faith.

5. On January 12, 2026, counsel ordered the transcript of the September 25, 2025 hearing from the court reporter. The transcript request is attached to this motion as Exhibit A.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would petition the Court for the reinstatement of the appeal to be reinstated in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wanda H. Carter', written over a horizontal line.

Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 12th day of January, 2026.

**EXHIBIT A**

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Wanda H. Carter, Chief Appellate Defender

January 12, 2026

Yvestre Torres  
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Dear Ms. Torres:

Please provide us with the following transcript:

The State v. Gary L. Grant

Case #: 2007-GS-08-00319,  
2007-GS-08-00318

Appellate Case No. 2025-002357

County: Berkeley

Date of Trial: September 29, 2025

Presiding Judge: Roger M. Young

Pursuant to the SC Court Reporter's Manual, please number the lines on the paper from 1-25 and include any and all recorded motions (pretrial and post-trial). Consecutive numbering of pages must be used throughout all volumes regardless of the number of volumes involved. Additionally, please transcribe the **jury selection** and the State and defense counsel's **opening and closing arguments** and include the **jury strike sheet**. Please be sure to include **headers** and a **complete index** including a **listing of exhibits**. **Please, do not include keyword indexing.**

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Sincerely,

s/ Della White  
Administrative Coordinator

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**Date:** 01/12/2026

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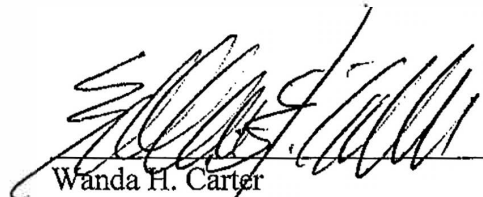
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
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The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the Motion to Reinstate the Appeal in the above referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 12th day of January, 2026.

  
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Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

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Good Afternoon Ms. Brown,

Attached for filing in the above-referenced case is a motion to reinstate the appeal, which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, January 12, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis  
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