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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

S.C. SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Lexington County

Honorable Debra R. McCaslin, Circuit Court Judge

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Opinion No. 6126 (S.C. Ct. App. filed December 3, 2025)  
Lower Court Case Nos. 2022-GS-32-00260A; 2022-GS-32-00261A;  
2022-GS-32-00251A; 2022-GS-32-00250A

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

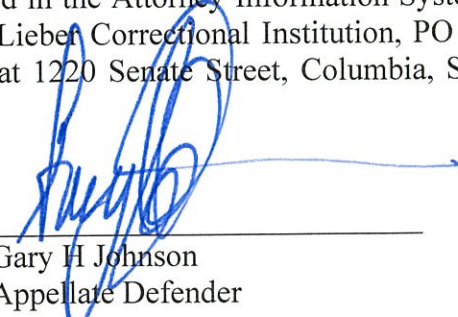
JUSTIN TYLER ELLAREE HOPKINS,

PETITIONER

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2022-001567

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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 Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case have been served on Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS); and on Justin Tyler Ellaree Hopkins, #389389, at Lieber Correctional Institution, PO Box 205, Ridgeville, SC 29472; and the Court of Appeals, at 1220 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201, this 2nd day of March, 2026.

  
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Gary H Johnson  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

## Leverett, Scott

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**From:** Leverett, Scott  
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Dear Ms. Brown,

Attached please find a copy of the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the above referenced case that is being filed today with the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

-Scott Leverett  
Admin. Asst. for Gary Johnson  
Appellate Defense