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S.C. SUPREME COURT

APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-000036

Herbert Smalls.....Petitioner,

v.

The State of South Carolina.....Respondent.

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