

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

FAITH WALKER and DERRICK BROWN,  
Defendants/Appellants,

v.

Appellate Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

RUFUS BROWN and DOROTHY BROWN,  
Plaintiffs/Respondents.

From Laurens County

Magistrate Court Case No.: 2025CV301012867  
Circuit Court Case No.: 2025-CP-30-1380

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

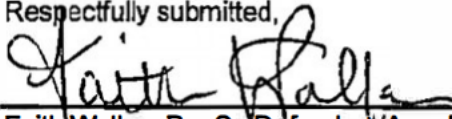
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Defendants/Appellants, Faith Walker and Derrick Brown, appeal to the South Carolina Court of Appeals from the Order of Dismissal and all prior Orders and rulings in this matter, including the Bond to Stay Order and the issuance and enforcement of the Writ of Ejectment.

Defendants/Appellants respectfully request appellate review because Defendants were denied due process, meaningful access to the courts, and the appeal was dismissed based on inability to pay a bond despite Defendants' indigency.

This appeal arises from Laurens County Magistrate Court Case No. 2025CV301012867 and Laurens County Circuit Court Case No. 2025-CP-30-1380.

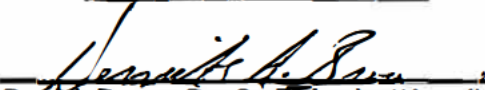
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Respectfully submitted,



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**STATEMENT OF ISSUES ON APPEAL**

Defendants/Appellants respectfully present the following issues for review by this Court:

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1. Whether the Circuit Court erred in dismissing Defendants/Appellants' appeal for alleged nonpayment of a bond when the court had previously granted Defendants/Appellants a fee waiver based on indigency.
2. Whether dismissal of an appeal based solely on inability to pay a bond constitutes a denial of meaningful access to appellate review for indigent litigants.
3. Whether the Circuit Court erred in finding that Defendants/Appellants "willfully failed" to comply with the bond-to-stay order where Defendants/Appellants borrowed funds to make the January 5, 2026 payment and obtained funds and attempted to pay again on or about February 9, 2026.
4. Whether the lower courts abused their discretion by refusing to accept payment when Defendants/Appellants attempted to cure the alleged bond deficiency.
5. Whether Defendants/Appellants were denied due process where the proceedings resulted in dismissal of their appeal without a meaningful opportunity to present evidence or challenge the underlying claims.

6. Whether improper notice or mailing of the Circuit Court dismissal order to an incorrect or unreliable address deprived Defendants/Appellants of timely notice and fair opportunity to respond.
7. Whether the circumstances surrounding the bond requirement and dismissal of the appeal constituted an abuse of discretion resulting in severe and irreparable harm to Defendants/Appellants.

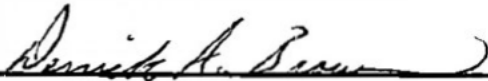
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## **SECTION — GROUNDS FOR APPEAL**

**Case No. 2025CV301012867**

**Related RO Case: 2025-CP-30-1380**

Appellants Faith Walker and Derrick Brown respectfully submit the following grounds for appeal. These grounds are based on documented due process violations, incorrect application of South Carolina law, procedural defects, and judicial misconduct occurring before and during hearings on December 5, 2025 and December 19, 2025.

### **GROUND 1 — Denial of Opportunity to Present Evidence (Due Process Violation)**

The Magistrate Judge refused to allow Appellants to present:

- witness statements,
- harassment evidence,
- bank records showing land and setup payments,
- video evidence,
- documentation regarding withholding of Derrick's camper title,
- evidence of a long-standing verbal land agreement,
- evidence showing that eight deed-holders exist.

The Court instead relied solely on Respondents' statements and one deed document. This directly violates Appellants' due process rights under South Carolina law.

### **GROUND 2 — Improper and Unrecorded Hearing on December 19, 2025**

The December 19 hearing was:

- not listed on the public docket,
- conducted with no clerk of court present,
- inaccurately recorded by the judge (who insisted the case was December 8),
- conducted without transparency,
- used to impose unsafe and coercive bond conditions.

A hearing conducted off-docket and without a clerk is procedurally invalid.

### **GROUND 3 — Judicial Misconduct and Demonstrated Bias**

The Court made inappropriate remarks, including:

- "What did Rick James say? Cocaine is a hell of a drug."

The Court:

- failed to swear in Respondent Dorothy Brown,
- allowed intimidation by multiple family members,
- refused evidence showing Respondents' past fraudulent behavior,
- dismissed all historical context with "I don't want to hear about years ago,"

- showed hostility after learning of Appellants' oversight complaints,
- retaliated with unsafe and unreasonable bond orders.

Bias is a direct violation of judicial ethics and grounds for reversal.

#### **GROUND 4 — Incorrect Application of Law**

The Magistrate stated:

“This is not a landlord-tenant case. It is a notice-to-quit situation.”

However, the judge then:

- forced Appellants to sign landlord-tenant bond forms,
- required rent conditions (\$150/month) based on online campground searches,
- treated the case as a landlord-tenant eviction.

Applying the wrong legal standard is reversible error in South Carolina.

#### **GROUND 5 — Unlawful and Unsafe Bond Conditions**

The Court ordered:

- payments to be made directly at Respondents' private home,
- contact with individuals involved in prior harassment and assault,
- payments despite Appellants being indigent,
- payments for a dwelling with no heat, no water, and no electricity.

Bond requirements must be safe, lawful, and reasonable. These were not.

#### **GROUND 6 — Ignoring Evidence of Fraud and Property Rights**

The Magistrate refused evidence showing:

- Derrick's father accepted money for the camper setup,
- a verbal land agreement existed and was honored for four years,
- Respondents engaged in similar fraudulent conduct with Derrick's uncle,
- eight deed holders exist and must agree before removing anyone from land,
- Respondent Nellie Cook was not subpoenaed yet made final decisions.

Failure to apply correct property law is a legal error.

#### **GROUND 7 — Wrong Hearing Dates and Record Inaccuracies**

The judge repeatedly referenced the wrong dates (“December 8”), refused to correct the record, and proceeded with rulings based on incorrect information. An inaccurate court record is grounds for reversal.

#### **GROUND 8 — Appeal Interference and Continuing Lower Court Action**

Despite the Circuit Court accepting the appeal:

- the Magistrate continued issuing orders,
- staff attempted to have Appellants arrested on January 5, 2026,

- staff displayed hostility and retaliation,
- bond orders were enforced even after the appeal transferred jurisdiction.

This violates the rule that once an appeal is filed and accepted, the lower court may not continue to rule on substantive matters.

For all these reasons, Appellants respectfully request that the Circuit Court:

- reverse the Magistrate Court's rulings,
- dismiss the eviction with prejudice,
- vacate the December 19 bond order,
- suspend all payment obligations,
- allow Appellants to present suppressed evidence,
- order the return of Derrick Brown's camper title,
- recuse Chief Magistrate Bron,
- transfer venue out of Laurens County if necessary.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing documents, including the Notice of Appeal, Petition for Writ of Certiorari, Statement of Issues on Appeal, Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, Declarations, and supporting documents, by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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Dear Clerk of Court:

I, Faith Walker, and Derrick Brown are Defendants/Appellants in the above-captioned matter and are proceeding pro se.

Enclosed please find our Petition for Writ of Certiorari. This matter is urgent because we have been displaced and rendered homeless due to the writ of ejectment and dismissal of our appeal.

We respectfully request that the Court accept and file the enclosed documents and conduct a full investigation.

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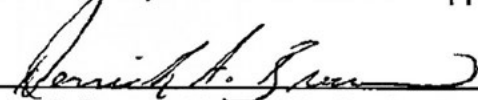
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- Bond to Stay Execution on Appeal (Recipient from borrowing money to pay Bond)
- Circuit Court Documents accepting indigency and fee waiver
- Emails Clerk of Court Continuing Case and Waiver of Fee, Clerk of Court stating Judge was no longer assigned to my case, Clerk of Court stating Circuit Court no longer has Jurisdiction
- Bankruptcy Filing and Magistrate timestamp
- Writ of Ejectment (Recipients showing money was borrowed to try and pay Bond after Writ)
- Documents showing wrong address for camper set-out
- Dismissal from Circuit Court
- Temporary change of address from displacement in August and letter from landlord of 11 years
- Emergency hardship statements
- Receipts
- Certificate of Service

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

  
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