

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

FAITH WALKER and DERRICK BROWN,

Defendants/Appellants,

v.

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

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**SC Court of Appeals**

RUFUS BROWN and DOROTHY BROWN,

Plaintiffs/Respondents.

From Laurens County

Magistrate Court Case No.: 2025CV301012867

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

**PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

TO THE HONORABLE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS:

COMES NOW Defendants/Appellants, Faith Walker and Derrick Brown, pro se, and respectfully petition this Honorable Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the decisions and dismissal entered in Laurens County Magistrate Court and Laurens County Circuit Court, and states as follows:

**I. PARTIES**

1. Faith Walker is a Defendant/Appellant and is currently displaced/homeless due to the enforcement actions in this case.
2. Derrick Brown is a Defendant/Appellant and is currently displaced/homeless due to the enforcement actions in this case.
3. Plaintiffs/Respondents are Rufus Brown and Dorothy Brown.

**II. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

4. This case originated in Laurens County Magistrate Court under Case No. 2025CV301012867.
5. Plaintiffs/Respondents sought removal of Defendants/Appellants from property in Laurens County.

6. Defendants/Appellants contend this matter was not a landlord-tenant relationship and was improperly handled as an eviction case. Defendants were not tenants under a written lease, and the dispute involved a family property/land conflict.
7. Defendants/Appellants resided in a camper on the property. The camper did not have running water, heat, or electricity.
8. Defendants/Appellants contend they were not allowed a meaningful opportunity to present evidence or defenses, and judgment was entered without Defendants being allowed to fully challenge evidence.
9. Defendants/Appellants appealed to Laurens County Circuit Court under Case No. 2025-CP-30-1380.
10. Defendants/Appellants were indigent and the Circuit Court granted a fee waiver.
11. On December 19, 2025, the Magistrate Court held a Bond to Stay hearing and ordered Defendants to pay \$75.00 and then \$150.00 per month beginning the first of each month.
12. Defendants/Appellants informed the court they were indigent and unable to afford the bond payments.
13. Defendants/Appellants borrowed money to make the January payment. The record reflects that \$150.00 was paid on January 5, 2026.
14. Defendants/Appellants were unable to pay the February bond payment by the deadline due to indigency and hardship, not willful refusal.
15. Defendants/Appellants obtained the funds and attempted to pay on or about February 9, 2026. Defendants' advocate (David Lewis) contacted the court and advised that Defendants had the money and were prepared to pay; however, Defendants were refused the opportunity to submit payment.
16. The Circuit Court dismissal paperwork reflects that as of February 6, 2026 the bond had not been received and the appeal was dismissed.
17. Defendants/Appellants contend the dismissal was based solely on inability to pay and not on the merits of the case, resulting in constructive denial of appellate rights.
18. A Writ of Ejectment was issued and/or enforced, resulting in Defendants/Appellants being displaced and rendered homeless.

19. Defendants/Appellants have suffered extreme hardship and were forced to seek bankruptcy protection due to the displacement and emergency living expenses caused by the writ enforcement.

20. Defendants/Appellants further state they were threatened with removal of the camper within a limited time period, but no clear written paperwork was provided regarding the deadline. Defendants/Appellants further state that Plaintiffs/Respondents have retained access to the camper, including possession of a key.

Defendants/Appellants contend that this created an unsafe and coercive situation and further demonstrates Plaintiffs' control over the property and Defendants' inability to secure their belongings.

21. Defendants/Appellants further state Plaintiffs/Respondents have refused to provide the camper title, making it difficult or impossible for Defendants to lawfully relocate the camper.

Defendants/Appellants further state that Plaintiffs/Respondents have retained access to the camper, including possession of a key. Defendants/Appellants contend that this created an unsafe and coercive situation and further demonstrates Plaintiffs' control over the property and Defendants' inability to secure their belongings.

22. Defendants/Appellants did not receive proper notice of the Circuit Court dismissal order and had to physically go to the courthouse to obtain it. The paperwork reflects mailing to 741 Douglas Road, Gray Court, SC 29645. Defendants' correct temporary mailing address is 119 Vern Cora Rd., Laurens, SC 29360.

23. Defendants/Appellants obtained the dismissal order on February 12, 2026 at approximately 10:30 a.m. and respectfully request that deadlines be calculated from the date of actual notice.

### **III. GROUNDS FOR CERTIORARI REVIEW**

24. Certiorari review is warranted because the lower courts abused discretion, committed errors of law, and denied Defendants/Appellants due process, resulting in irreparable harm.

### **CONFLICT BETWEEN INDIGENCY DETERMINATION AND BOND REQUIREMENT**

The Circuit Court granted Defendants/Appellants a fee waiver based on indigency in Case No. 2025-CP-30-1380. This determination acknowledged that Defendants/Appellants lacked the financial resources to pay court costs and fees.

Despite this indigency determination, the appeal was dismissed because Defendants/Appellants were unable to comply with a bond-to-stay payment schedule.

Defendants/Appellants respectfully submit that dismissing an appeal solely because an indigent litigant cannot afford a bond effectively denies meaningful access to appellate review.

Defendants/Appellants further note that they borrowed funds to make the January 5, 2026 payment and attempted to pay again on February 9, 2026 after obtaining funds, demonstrating good faith efforts to comply despite financial hardship.

Under these circumstances, characterizing the failure to pay as “willful” is unsupported by the record and results in an unjust denial of appellate review.

#### **A. DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS / NO MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD**

25. Defendants/Appellants were denied due process because Defendants were not provided a fair hearing and were not allowed to meaningfully present evidence, defenses, or challenge the evidence used as the basis for judgment.

26. Defendants/Appellants contend the outcome was unsupported by competent evidence properly presented and reviewed in a fair evidentiary proceeding.

#### **B. IMPROPER CLASSIFICATION AS LANDLORD-TENANT EVICTION**

27. Defendants/Appellants contend the Magistrate Court improperly treated this matter as a landlord-tenant eviction despite the lack of a lease and the nature of the dispute being a family property land matter involving a camper.

#### **C. ABUSE OF DISCRETION: BOND-TO-STAY AGAINST INDIGENT DEFENDANTS**

28. Defendants/Appellants contend the bond-to-stay requirement was unreasonable because the court knew Defendants were indigent.

29. The Circuit Court granted Defendants a fee waiver, yet Defendants’ appeal was dismissed solely due to inability to continue bond payments.

30. Defendants contend this operated as a constructive denial of appellate rights and meaningful access to the courts.

#### **D. ERROR OF LAW: “WILLFUL FAILURE” FINDING**

31. The dismissal paperwork states Defendants “willfully failed” to comply with the bond order. Defendants/Appellants dispute this characterization.

32. Defendants/Appellants borrowed money to pay in January and attempted to pay again as soon as funds were obtained. Inability to pay due to indigency cannot properly be treated as willful noncompliance.

#### **E. UNREASONABLE REFUSAL TO ACCEPT PAYMENT / NO OPPORTUNITY TO CURE**

33. Defendants/Appellants contend they obtained funds and attempted to pay on or about February 9, 2026, but were refused the opportunity to submit payment.

34. Defendants contend the refusal to accept payment was punitive and directly resulted in dismissal of the appeal and enforcement of ejection.

#### **F. BIAS / UNEQUAL TREATMENT**

35. Defendants/Appellants contend the proceedings reflected bias and unequal treatment. Statements were made during proceedings indicating that "everybody has to agree" for Faith Walker to remain on the land, which Defendants contend reflects improper personal considerations rather than lawful process.

36. Defendants/Appellants further state that during enforcement actions law enforcement officers asked specifically where Faith Walker was located, which Defendants contend reflects targeted and irregular enforcement conduct.

#### **G. IRREPARABLE HARM**

37. Defendants/Appellants have suffered irreparable harm including homelessness, severe hardship, emotional distress, and forced bankruptcy due to emergency living expenses.

#### **H. IMPROPER NOTICE / SERVICE**

38. Defendants/Appellants contend they did not receive timely notice of the dismissal order and were required to physically retrieve it from the courthouse.

39. Defendants respectfully request that deadlines be calculated from the date Defendants obtained actual notice.

#### **IV. RELIEF REQUESTED**

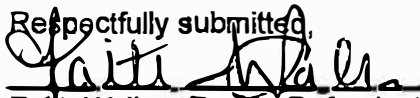
WHEREFORE, Defendants/Appellants respectfully request that this Honorable Court:

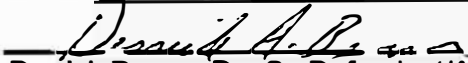
- A. Grant this Petition for Writ of Certiorari;
- B. Review and vacate the Circuit Court dismissal in Case No. 2025-CP-30-1380;

- C. Review the Magistrate Court's Bond to Stay Order and Writ of Ejectment in Case No. 2025CV301012867;
- D. Remand the matter for lawful proceedings consistent with due process;
- E. Grant emergency relief or stay as appropriate;
- F. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED: March 9, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS  
(SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI)**

Defendants/Appellants respectfully submit the following supporting documents in support of their appeal:

**1. Circuit Court Order of Dismissal**

- Dated February 6, 2026
- Electronically filed February 9, 2026
- Reflects finding of "willful failure" to comply with bond order.

**2. Magistrate Court Bond-to-Stay Order**

- Dated December 19, 2025
- Establishing \$75 initial payment and \$150 monthly payments.

**3. Proof of January 5, 2026 Bond Payment**

- Receipt / bank withdrawal / money order documentation
- Demonstrating good faith compliance.

**4. Proof of Attempted February 9, 2026 Payment**

- Documentation showing Defendants obtained funds
- Advocate communication showing intent to pay
- Supporting evidence that payment was refused.

**5. Circuit Court Indigency / Fee Waiver Approval**

- Documentation showing Defendants were granted a fee waiver
- Supporting argument that bond dismissal was improper given indigency.

**6. Writ of Ejectment and Enforcement Paperwork**

- Reflecting removal and displacement of Defendants.

**7. Documentation Reflecting Mailing to 741 Douglas Road**

- Supporting lack of proper notice.
- Defendant Faith's correct mailing address: 119 Vern Cora Rd., Laurens, SC 29360.

**8. Bankruptcy Filing Notice**

- Filed February 4, 2026
- Demonstrating severe financial hardship and emergency circumstances.

**9. Documentation Regarding Camper Title Withholding**

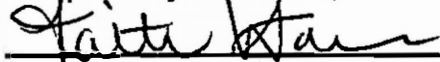
- Any written communication showing refusal to provide title
- Supporting irreparable harm and inability to relocate camper.

**10. Documentation Supporting Homelessness/ Hardship**

- Hotel receipts, documentation, and sworn declarations.

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Respectfully submitted,



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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:

Rufus Brown  
3315 Trinity Church Rd  
Gray Court, SC 29645

Dorothy Brown  
3315 Trinity Church Rd  
Gray Court, SC 29645

Laurens County Clerk of Court  
100 Hillcrest Square  
Laurens, SC 29360

Date: March 9, 2026

Faith Walker + Derrick A. Brown

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RE: Emergency Appellate Filing – Petition for Writ of Certiorari  
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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.

Enclosed please find:

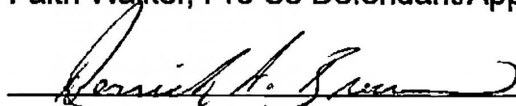
- Cover Letter
- Notice of Appeal
- Petition for Writ of Certiorari
- Supporting Documents for Writ of Certiorari
- Statement of Issue
- Grounds for Appeal to Circuit Court
- Proceed In Forma Pauperis
- Unsworn Declaration of Faith Walker
- Unsworn Declaration of Derrick Brown
- Unsworn Supporting Declarations

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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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Derrick Brown, Pro Se Defendant/Appellant



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