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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Supreme Court

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*On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals*  
Appeal from Anderson County  
Court of Common Pleas  
The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

ADAM DON LAWLESS,

Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2026-000106

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, along with Certificate of Service has been forwarded to Petitioner's counsel, David Alexander, Esq. via email today, March 16, 2026, to [dalexander@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:dalexander@sccid.sc.gov).

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

*s/ Melody J. Brown*

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Dear Mr. Alexander:

Attached is the State's return to petition for writ of certiorari in the above referenced appeal, along with a certificate of service. I will be filing same in the Supreme Court shortly. Thank you.

Kind regards,

**MELODY J. BROWN, Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General**

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