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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Horry County  
Court of Common Pleas  
J. Mark Hayes, II, Post-Conviction Relief Judge

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Case No. 2019-CP-26-00139

Joshua Blake Griffith, SCDC #358482.....Respondent,

v.

State of South Carolina, .....Petitioner.

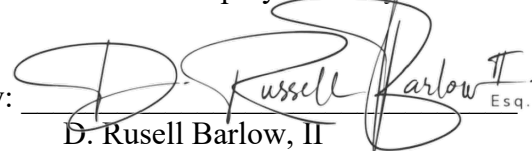
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**  
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The State of South Carolina appeals the Honorable J. Mark Hayes’s order granting post-conviction relief, filed August 11, 2025. The State’s subsequent motion to reconsider, alter, amend judgment granting PCR pursuant to Rule 59(e) was denied by written order filed January 8, 2026. The undersigned counsel for the State discovered the filed copy of the order denying the motion for reconsideration and granting post-conviction relief on public index on February 20, 2026. Copies of both orders are attached hereto. Please be advised the State is already in possession of the transcript necessary to proceed on appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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