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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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APPEAL FROM CALHOUN COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
The Honorable Heath P. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2023-CP-09-00171
Appellate Case No. 2024-000195

Shaneeeka Stroman,.....Appellant

vs.

Carol B. Fischer, Emily Marie Fischer-Bunker, Attorney for Carol B. Fischer (Banks Neumeister Attys at Law), Town of Saint Matthews (Chief Executive Officer) Helen Carson-Peterson, and St. Matthews Police Department (Chief) Michael Smalls, Defendants,

Of Which

Carol B. Fischer, Emily Marie Fischer-Bunker, St. Matthews Police Department, and Town of Saint Matthews are the Respondents.

**RESPONDENTS ST. MATTHEWS POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND TOWN OF SAINT MATTHEWS’ RETURN TO APPELLANT’S
MOTION TO JOIN RESPONDENTS INTO LAWSUIT**

Respondents St. Matthews Police Department and Town of Saint Matthews (“Respondents”), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby object to Appellant’s motion seeking appellate joinder. The appellate court rules that govern this appeal do not allow for the joinder of additional parties on appeal who were not parties to the lower court action. *Compare* Rule 202, SCACR, and Rule 265, SCACR, *with* Rule 19, SCRCP.

Accordingly, it is improper to seek joinder on appeal, and Appellant’s motion should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this date, the foregoing **Respondents St. Matthews Police Department and Town of Saint Matthews' Return to Appellant's Motion to Join Respondents Into Lawsuit** was served on counsel of record via AIS email, pursuant to Supreme Court Order dated August 25, 2021, and upon the Appellant *pro se* via email and first-class mail, as follows:

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

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RE: Shaneeka Stroman vs. Carol B. Fischer, et al.
Appellate Case No. 2024-000195

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed herewith please find Respondents St. Matthews Police Department and Town of Saint Matthews' Return to Appellant's Motion to Join Respondents Into Lawsuit, together with a Proof of Service, in the above-referenced matter. Kindly file the same and return a clocked-in copy of each to the undersigned via return email.

The enclosed documents have been served upon counsel of record and the *pro se* Appellant today as indicated in the Proof of Service.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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s/ Harry A. Dixon

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HAD:ksr

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