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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to the Court of Appeals
Appeal from Richland County
The Honorable Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2023-000669

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT

v.

ERNEST CONDRE BETHEL,

PETITIONER

Unpublished Opinion No. 2025-UP-383

PROOF OF SERVICE

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 the Proof of Service has been forward to Appellant's counsel, Dayne C. Phillips, Esquire via email today April 17, 2026 to Dayne Phillips dayne@pricebenowitz.com .

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

This is the 17th day of April 2026.

s/Tommy Evans, Jr.

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Dear Mr. Phillips,

Please find attached the Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Proof of Service. These documents will be filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court today, April 17, 2026, along with a copy of this email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brandy Rankin

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