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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: Ronald Tyrone Downs, Jr. v. The State
Appellate Case No. 2025-001171

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Petition for Writ of Certiorari was filed with this Court today, April 17, 2026.
Enclosed is one (1) bound copy of:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to *Austin v. State*
2. The Appendix

Please return a clocked copy of this letter acknowledging receipt of the attached documents.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn Warren
Administrative Assistant

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Enclosures

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