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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Supreme Court**

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**APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
In the Court of Common Pleas**

Honorable William A. McKinnon, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_

Case No. 2021-CP-40-01276

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WANDA WHETSTONE, .....Respondent,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,.....Petitioner.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I certify that this Return to Petitioner’s Petition for Writ of Certiorari was served on counsel of record on April 21, 2026, via email under Paragraph (d)(1) of Order Re: Methods of Electronic Filing and Service Under Rule 262 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (As Amended May 6, 2022), Appellate Case No. 2020-000447.

s/ Mark. D. Chappell Jr.  
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Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 13:29:48 Eastern Daylight Time

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**Subject:** Re: Whetstone - Cert Petition & Petition Appendix  
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Grayson,

I hope this email finds you and the family doing well! Please see the attached Return to Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari along with the Certificate of Service, which I will be filing with the Supreme Court shortly.

All my best,

Mark D. Chappell Jr.

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Mark,

Attached is the Office's cert petition and petition appendix in *Whetstone*, which I'll be filing with the Supreme Court shortly.

Regards,  
Grayson



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