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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM BERKELEY COUNTY  
The Honorable Roger M. Young, Sr.

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Appellate Case No. 2025-002357

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT

v.

GARY LAFETTE GRANT,

APPELLANT.

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MOTION FOR LIMITED REMAND

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The parties, upon consultation, jointly move to hold briefing in abeyance pending the consideration of this motion, and move for a limited remand for the following reasons:

1. Appellant, Gary Lafette Grant, was convicted of murder and other charges in his jury trial in August 2007. The Honorable Deadre L. Jefferson sentenced Grant to life imprisonment.

2. Grant filed a motion for a new trial, and, after a hearing on September 29, 2025, the Honorable Roger M. Young found Grant failed to show “after-discovered evidence as defined by the courts of South Carolina” that could support relief. (October 24, 2025, Order at 5). The captioned appeal is a result of the dismissal of the motion.

3. The appeal is presently in its early stages. The transcript has been received but briefing has not yet been submitted. Shortly after Grant's counsel advised that the September transcript was received, this Court received a document which purports to have been submitted by one of Grant's four co-defendants, Kareem King, in an affidavit form. On April 13, 2026, this Court provided the letter to counsel for the parties, while advising that "[n]o action will be taken on this filing[.]"

4. The transcript and order from the new trial proceedings show that Grant asserted the co-defendant who testified against him at the 2007 trial, Kerry Hollis, had an undisclosed deal with the prosecution. The affidavit contains allegations about interaction with the prosecution, referencing both Hollis and King, and also contains allegations regarding King's ability to be at the September hearing.

5. To be clear, the parties do not agree on authenticity of the document or any of the assertions. However, since some of the assertions could potentially bear on what evidence was available for presentation at the September hearing, it appears prudent to remand to Judge Young for a determination of whether any additional testimony needs to be taken, or if there is any potential impact of the material on the denial of the motion. The parties agree that addressing the matter now is preferable in ensuring fairness of the proceedings, providing a timely opportunity to litigate if additional litigation is necessary, and because it lessens the possibility of potential piecemeal litigation.

6. Thus, the parties jointly move for a limited remand and request that, as part of the remand authority, Judge Young be allowed to accept such testimony as would be necessary to determine authenticity, or availability of any potentially admissible testimony as it would relate to

the claims of the new trial motion, and/or claims of “newly discovered” evidence that may require additional proceedings.

7. The parties agree that it is preferable to have guidance for a timely disposition but defer to this Court to set timelines for resolution of the limited proceedings below, should the Court grant this motion.

8. The parties also move to hold the briefing schedule in abeyance pending resolution of this motion.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move to hold briefing in abeyance pending the resolution of this motion and for a limited remand for the purposes set out above.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the Motion for Limited Remand, along with Certificate of Service has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Wanda H. Carter, Esquire, via email today, April 27, 2026 to [Wcarter@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:Wcarter@sccid.sc.gov) and to her assistant at [sleverett@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:sleverett@sccid.sc.gov).

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

This 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

*s/ Angela Brown*

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Ms. Carter, please find attached the motion for limited remand in reference to the above appeal. The motion will be electronically filed with the Court of Appeals on today's date.

Sincerely,

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