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Re: The State v. Michael L. Watts
Appellate Case No. 2026-000924

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your Petition for Writ of Certiorari, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 242 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/whatsnew/displaywhatsnew.cfm?indexID=932.

Please note that the responsibility for ensuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will not review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

Finally, any request for any extension in this case must comply with this Court's Order dated July 16, 2014. This order is available at <https://www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-07-16-01>.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Howard

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