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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

Appeal from Chesterfield County
Court of General Sessions

Honorable Paul M. Burch, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-000924

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,RESPONDENT

v.

MICHAEL LAMONT WATTS, PETITIONER

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 Certificate of Service has been forwarded to Petitioner’s counsel, Elizabeth Frankilin-Best, Esquire via email today, May 28, 2026 to Elizabeth.a.frankilin@gmail.com.

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

This 28th day of May 2026.

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Counsel, please find attached the State's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above reference of appeal. The return will be electronically filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court on today's date.

Thank you,
Brittany Kilgore