

# IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

**Mayshell Wilson, Appellant v. Willie Mae Reed, Respondent**

*Appellate Case No. 2024-001284*

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**SC Court of Appeals**

## **FINAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT**

### **I. Statement of the Case**

This appeal arises from an eviction action brought against Appellant, who was a lawful tenant under a valid lease agreement. During the tenancy, essential utilities were disconnected, rendering the premises uninhabitable. The lower courts nevertheless allowed eviction proceedings to continue.

### **II. Issues Presented**

1. Whether the eviction was improper where a valid lease existed.
2. Whether Respondent engaged in illegal ouster by disconnecting utilities.
3. Whether Appellant was denied due process.
4. Whether the Circuit Court erred in dismissing the appeal.
5. Whether Appellant is entitled to damages.

### **III. Argument**

Under S.C. Code Ann. § 27-40-660, landlords are prohibited from unlawful ouster and interruption of essential services. Appellant contends that Respondent disconnected utilities during the tenancy, effectively forcing Appellant from the premises without lawful process. Appellant further contends that the proceedings were fundamentally unfair due to missing transcripts, inconsistent payment instructions, and procedural irregularities.

### **IV. Conclusion**

Appellant respectfully requests that the Court reverse the lower court judgments, vacate the writ of ejectment, find illegal ouster occurred, and award all relief deemed just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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