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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Case No.: 2026-001231

Lower Court Case No.: 2023-CP-10-00524

CRAIG L. PETERKIN,

Appellant,

v.

**MICHAEL HOLT dba LIBERTY SERVICES, HOMESERVE USA and JOHN DOE of
which MICHAEL HOLT d/b/a LIBERTY SERVICES RESPONDENT**

Appellee.

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Appellant, Craig L. Peterkin, respectfully moves this Court pursuant to **Rule 209, SCACR**, and **S.C. Code § 15-27-20**, for leave to proceed **in forma pauperis** in the above-captioned appeal.

Appellant is unable to pay:

- the **\$605 appellate docketing fee**, and
- the **costs of preparing transcripts** from the hearings held on August 15, 2024; October 15, 2024; January 6, 2026 (Webex); May 6, 2026; and May 18, 2026 (Webex).

In support of this motion, Appellant submits the attached **Affidavit of Indigency and Financial Declaration**.

1. Grant leave to proceed **in forma pauperis**;
2. Waive the **\$605 docketing fee**;
3. Direct the preparation of all necessary transcripts at **public expense**; and
4. Grant such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig L. Peterkin, Plaintiff Pro Se

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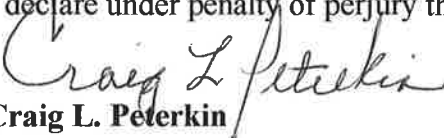
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AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY

I, Craig L. Peterkin, being duly sworn, state the following:

1. I am the Appellant in this matter.
2. I will be **77 in less than 60 days**, retired, and living on a **fixed monthly income** consisting solely of Social Security and CSRA pension benefits.
3. I have **\$7100 savings**, no significant assets, and no ability to pay the **\$605 appellate docketing fee** or the **costs of transcripts**, which I understand may exceed several thousand dollars.
4. For the past six years, I have absorbed **increased water bills, property damage, and repair burdens** arising from the underlying events of this case.
5. My monthly income is consumed by essential living expenses, including housing, utilities, food, and medical costs.
6. I am unable to afford the transcript costs required for this appeal.
7. I am unable to pay the appellate filing fee without sacrificing basic necessities.
8. I am not receiving financial assistance from any other person.
9. I make this affidavit in good faith and not for the purpose of delay.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


Craig L. Peterkin

Date: June 2, 2026

FINANCIAL DECLARATION

Monthly Income:

- Social Security: \$655
- Other income: \$2387

Monthly Expenses:

- Rent/Mortgage: \$1498
- Utilities (including elevated water bills): \$300
- Food: \$_varies_____
- Medical expenses: \$_varies
- Transportation: \$_varies
- Other necessities: \$195

Assets:

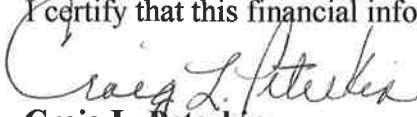
- Checking account balance: \$900_____
- Savings account balance: \$7100
- Vehicle: 2008 Toyota 4Runner
- Real property: none other than primary residence

Debts:

- Credit cards: \$ _0_____

- Medical bills: \$100
- Other: \$0 _____

I certify that this financial information is true and complete.


Craig L. Peterkin

Date: June 2, 2026

VERIFICATION

I, Craig L. Peterkin, verify that I have read the foregoing Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, Affidavit of Indigency, and Financial Declaration, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing **Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, Affidavit of Indigency, and Financial Declaration** upon counsel for Appellee by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Kerry Koon, Esq.

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South Carolina Court of Appeals

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Re: *Peterkin v Michael Holt d/b/a Liberty Services, HomeServe USA and John Doe of which*

Michael Holt d/b/a Liberty Services Respondent

Court of Appeals Case No.: 2026-001231 __

Lower Court Case No.: 2023-CP-10-00524

Dear Clerk of Court:


Enclosed please find my **Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis**, along with the accompanying **Affidavit of Indigency, Financial Declaration, Verification, and Certificate of Service**, submitted in connection with my appeal in the above-referenced matter.

I respectfully request that the Court accept these filings and grant leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to Rule 209, SCACR, and S.C. Code § 15-27-20.

Please file these documents accordingly. Should the Court require any additional information, I will promptly provide it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


Craig L. Peterkin

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