

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Appellate Case No. 2026-000201

CHERYL CARTER,
Appellant,

v.

MCELVEEN BUICK-GMC, INC.,
Respondent.

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SC Court of Appeals

Appeal from the Court of Common Pleas, Ninth Judicial Circuit
Berkeley County, South Carolina
Docket No. 2025CP0800615

**APPELLANT'S NOTICE REGARDING STATUS OF TRANSCRIPT
REQUEST**

Appellant Cheryl Carter, proceeding pro se, respectfully submits this Notice to advise the Court of the current status of her transcript request and the circumstances that have delayed its fulfillment.

1. Background and Timely Request.

Pursuant to this Court's March 30, 2026 Order, Appellant timely submitted a transcript request on April 12, 2026, through the South Carolina Courts' online transcript portal for the August 12, 2025 hearing before the Honorable Charles J.

McCutchen, Docket Number 2025CP0800615 (Transcript Request ID: 142497386).

The assigned court reporter was Kymberlee Mignanelli Williams, CSR/RPR, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

2. Initial Communications with Court Reporter Williams.

On April 13, 2026, Reporter Williams contacted Appellant with several questions regarding the transcript request, including whether Appellant was represented by counsel, whether expedited delivery was desired, and advising that prepayment would be required for a pro se party. Appellant responded the same day, April 13, 2026, confirming she was an unrepresented Plaintiff requesting expedited delivery. Appellant received an automated reply indicating that Reporter Williams would be on leave through April 27, 2026.

3. Rejection of Transcript Request.

On May 5, 2026, Appellant received an automated notice from the South Carolina Courts Transcript Office stating that her transcript request had been rejected by Reporter Williams. The stated reasons for rejection included: (a) the initial request contained an incorrect date; (b) a deposit was required prior to placing the request into the court reporter's production queue; and (c) Reporter Williams cited transcript overload as a basis for being unable to accept the request at that time.

Appellant notes that she was never provided an invoice or specific payment instructions for the required deposit, and the rejection notice was the first communication she received identifying the date discrepancy as a deficiency requiring correction.

4. Reporter Williams' Medical Leave and Subsequent Communications.

Also on May 5, 2026, Reporter Williams communicated directly with Appellant by email, explaining that she had been on medical leave until April 27, 2026, and that her transcript backlog was full. Reporter Williams indicated that the request would be reassigned and that someone would be contacting Appellant shortly. On May 13, 2026, Reporter Williams confirmed she was looking into the matter. On May 29, 2026, Reporter Williams notified Appellant, with copies to the Transcript Office (transcripts@sccourts.org) and Tammie Holmes of Court Administration (tholmes@sccourts.org), that all of her outstanding transcripts were being reassigned due to her current workload, and that a representative from Court Administration would be contacting Appellant.

5. Reassignment to Reporter Lorraine Edwards — No Contact Yet.

Also in her May 29, 2026 communication, Reporter Williams advised Appellant that the transcript request had been transferred to Ms. Lorraine Edwards, and that Ms. Edwards would be contacting Appellant soon. As of the date of this filing, Appellant

has not been contacted by Ms. Edwards or any representative of Court Administration regarding the reassigned transcript request, and no deposit invoice or cost estimate has been received.

6. Appellant's Good-Faith Efforts.

Appellant has diligently pursued the transcript since April 12, 2026, nearly two months, following up with Reporter Williams on multiple occasions and promptly responding to all communications. The delay in producing the transcript is not attributable to any inaction or neglect on Appellant's part, but rather to the reporter's medical leave, transcript backlog, the reassignment process, and the absence of any contact from the newly assigned reporter or Court Administration.

7. Relief Requested.

Appellant respectfully requests that this Court take notice of the foregoing circumstances and, to the extent the Court deems appropriate, issue any direction to the South Carolina Courts Transcript Office, Court Administration, or Reporter Lorraine Edwards to facilitate prompt production of the transcript. Appellant further requests that no adverse action be taken against her based on the transcript delay, as the delay has been caused by circumstances entirely outside her control. Appellant stands ready to immediately comply with any payment requirements or corrective steps upon notification.

Respectfully submitted,



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