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June 17, 2026

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: State v. David Fields
Appellate Case No. 2025-000437

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Yesterday, I received an email from Tammie Holmes telling me that the transcript in this case will be reassigned to a new court reporter. Today, I received two automated emails from transcripts@sccourts.org which misleadingly suggest that I requested the transcript today, with the delivery time frame listed as "Regular Deliver (60 days)". I made no such request. My most recent request is contained within the motion to compel filed last week. I received an email from Legal Eagle indicating that they had been assigned the transcript and gave an estimated cost of \$4,335.00 to produce the transcript in sixty days. I informed Legal Eagle of my pending motion and asked them not to proceed. I cannot agree to payment until this Court rules on my motion.

I bring this to the Court's attention to emphasize the urgent need for this Court to act. There can be no "regular delivery" of the transcript now. It was requested by Appellate Defense more than a year ago and has been more than ten months since I requested it. I have attached the most recent correspondence so this Court is aware of these communications in considering my pending motion to compel.

Sincerely,

s/Adam Ruffin
Adam Sinclair Ruffin
Ruffin Law Firm, LLC

cc: Mark Farthing, Esquire
Kymberlee Williams
Tammie Holmes
South Carolina Court Administration

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From: [Holmes, Tammie](#)
To: [Adam Ruffin](#)
Subject: RE: 2025-000437 - State v. Fields - Transcript Not Received
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 3:44:20 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Thank you Mr. Ruffin.

I have informed my supervisor about this situation, and I am sure that he informed the Court of Appeals. I am sorry this issue arose and that you and your client have been inconvenienced.

Thank you,

Tammie M. Holmes
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1220 Senate Street, Ste. 200
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From: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
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Have you spoken to anyone at the Court of Appeals about this? Obviously I never wanted to file the motion I did but now that I have, I will wait for them to rule on it. I have not paid Ms. Williams anything but my client paid her \$750 which she has refused to refund. The refund request is included in my motion.

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Subject: RE: 2025-000437 - State v. Fields - Transcript Not Received

Good morning Mr. Ruffin.

I wanted to let you know that we are sending this transcript request out for another court reporter to produce. I am sorry for any inconvenience you may have dealt with from not receiving this transcript.

Have you paid any monies to Ms. Williams to produce this transcript?

Thank you,

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Good morning,

Please find attached correspondence in the above-referenced appeal. Thank you.

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**To:** [Adam Ruffin](#)  
**Subject:** UPDATED: Transcript Request for Docket Number  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2026 12:42:15 PM

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Greetings,

Please accept this email and the **summarized Transcript Request shown below** as confirmation that the online transcript request that you submitted has been received by our office. You should receive communication from a transcriptionist within five (5) business days with an estimated cost for production.

If you need further assistance, please contact us at [transcripts@sccourts.org](mailto:transcripts@sccourts.org).

Regards,

Court Administration

Summarized Transcript Request ID(s): **216868126**

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**Is the requester a party on the case?** No  
**Does the requester represent a party?** Yes David Fields

## Transcript Information:

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**Docket Number:** 2019GS0701437  
**Court Type:** Circuit  
**County:** Beaufort  
**Case Caption:** The State of South Carolina vs Fields, David Jr  
**Appeal Pending?** Court of Appeals

**Death Penalty?** No

**Start Date of Proceeding:** 2/24/2025

**End Date of Proceeding:** 2/27/2025

**Presiding Judge:** Bonds, Robert J.

**Court reporter daily assignments:**

**02/24/2025:** Contract Circuit, LE

**02/25/2025:** Contract Circuit, LE

**02/26/2025:** Contract Circuit, LE

**02/27/2025:** Contract Circuit, LE

**Opposing Counsel and/or other parties information:**

(Attorney) Courtney Ann Gibbes

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(Defendant) David Jr Fields

(State Attorney) Mark Farthing

**(email):** mfarthing@scag.gov

**Next hearing date:** *Date not entered*

**Portion of proceeding to be transcribed:** Entire Hearing

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Subject: UPDATED: Transcript Request for Docket Number 2019GS0701437
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 1:56:39 PM

Greetings,

You are receiving this notice for the **summarized Transcript Request shown below** because it has been **Accepted** by Court Reporter: Contract Circuit, LE(Transcripts@LegalEagleInc.com)

Should you have questions or need further assistance, please contact us at transcripts@sccourts.org.

Regards,

Court Administration

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Does the requester represent a party? Yes David Fields

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Next hearing date: *Date not entered*

Portion of proceeding to be transcribed: Entire Hearing

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Yes, sir. We will not put this into production. If you need for us to transcribe it in the future, just let us know.

Thank you,



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Thank you for reaching out but please do not proceed with this transcript. There is a

pending motion in the Court of Appeals for this transcript to be produced at no cost to my client due to the incredibly long delay and the original court reporter's repeated violations of Rule 607, SCACR. I cannot agree to payment until the Court of Appeals has ruled on my motion. Thank you.

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Adam,

Today, Legal Eagle was assigned your transcript request in the above referenced matter. Based upon our review of the records, it appears this transcript will be approximately 1,020 pages long. The following was indicated on the request form:

- Standard Delivery (60 Days)
- PDF/Email Requested

The estimated standard delivery cost for this transcript is \$4,335.00.

*Please note that the page estimate is not guaranteed. The price indicated above is an approximation based on the audio length. The actual cost and page count may vary due to several factors including but not limited to speech rate, side bars, Q&A v Colloquy, and hearing type. A final invoice will be sent when the transcript is completed.*

***Please include any attorneys who were present at each hearing and who they represented with your confirmation as the attorneys are not always introduced in the audio.***

Once you have authorized us to proceed by responding to this email, we will place your transcript inline for production with a 60-day due date, although transcripts are usually completed much earlier. An invoice will be provided with your final transcript. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you,



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