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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY

In the Matter of Jason Michael Boyle

Appellate Case No. 2024-001241

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM REQUIREMENT TO FILE SIX ADDITIONAL BOUND
COPIES,
FOR EXPEDITED RULING, AND FOR EXTENSION OR ABEYANCE OF DEADLINE

Appellant Jason Michael Boyle, self-represented, respectfully moves for relief from the Court's July 6, 2026 request requiring six additional bound copies of the Record on Appeal and all final briefs. In the alternative, appellant requests a continuance to gather the necessary funds. Although I am greatly looking forward to a ruling, I do not have the money right now.

1. On July 6, 2026, the Court requested six additional bound copies of the Record on Appeal and all final briefs, to be filed within ten days. Appellant understands the deadline to be July 16, 2026.

2. Appellant does not wish to miss or disregard the Court's deadline. Appellant appreciates the Court's additional attention to the record and briefs in this appeal.

3. The additional printing, binding, and shipping expense creates a substantial financial hardship. Appellant lives and works in Uganda, where it is significantly more difficult to earn the money necessary to pay a printing and shipping bill of this size in the United States.

4. Appellant already paid substantial costs in this case. The prior printing estimate for the earlier bound copies was \$263.65, and the present request for six additional copies is expected to cost substantially more.

5. Appellant also paid the \$250 appellate filing fee before this matter was treated as criminal in nature. Appellant further paid more than \$400 in filing fees to the Tenth Judicial Circuit while

the case was being treated as civil. Appellant has requested a refund of those filing fees now that this matter is being treated as criminal, but the funds have not been returned.

6. Appellant respectfully requests relief because the cost of producing six additional bound copies should not impair access to appellate review in a criminal-contempt matter, especially where electronic filings and prior bound copies are already available.

7. Because the July 16 deadline is near, Appellant requests expedited consideration or an order holding the deadline in abeyance while this motion is pending.

8. If relief is denied, Appellant respectfully requests thirty days from the date of denial to raise the funds, arrange printing and binding, and deliver the additional copies.

9. Appellant also requests permission to serve this motion and related filings by electronic mail. Appellant lives in Uganda and does not have practical access to the United States Mail without paying a third party in South Carolina to print and mail service copies. Requiring mail service under these circumstances would impose an additional financial burden based on Appellant's location and indigency, and would create unequal access to the Court in a criminal-contempt appeal. Appellant therefore respectfully submits that, as applied here, mandatory mail service raises due process and equal protection concerns.

10. The opposing parties are represented by counsel, and electronic mail service would provide prompt actual notice. Because the deadline for the additional bound copies is July 16, 2026,

Appellant respectfully requests permission to serve this motion by electronic mail, or an order deeming electronic service sufficient under these circumstances.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Rule 240, SCACR, governs appellate motions and provides that filing a motion does not stay appellate deadlines unless the appellate court orders otherwise. Appellant therefore expressly requests that the July 16, 2026 deadline be held in abeyance while this motion is pending.

Rule 263, SCACR, permits the appellate court to extend or shorten time periods for acts required in the appellate court.

Rule 267(f), SCACR, provides that additional copies are required only when ordered or requested by the appellate court. Because this requirement arises from the Court's request, Appellant respectfully asks the Court to modify the requirement due to hardship.

Appellant is not seeking delay. Appellant seeks relief from a substantial financial burden, permission to comply by a less expensive method, or enough time to raise the funds necessary to comply.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that the Court:

1. relieve Appellant from filing six additional bound copies;
2. permit Appellant to rely on the electronic filings and bound copies already submitted;
3. alternatively, refund previously paid filing fees to assist in paying for copies;
4. expedite ruling on this motion;
6. hold the July 16, 2026 deadline in abeyance while this motion is pending;
7. if relief is denied, grant Appellant thirty days from the date of denial to comply; and
8. grant any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this July 6, 2025, a copy of the Motion was delivered to the following parties:

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Respectfully Submitted,

this July 7, 2026.

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