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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable G. D. Morgan, Circuit Court Judge
The Honorable Jessica A. Savlini, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2024-CP-23-00375

WARD BENJAMIN MCCLAIN, JR., individually,
and as the Personal Representative of and on behalf
of the ESTATE OF WARD BENJAMIN MCCLAIN, III,
and SONJA GAY MCCLAIN, Plaintiffs

Of Whom WARD BENJAMIN MCCLAIN, JR., as the
Personal Representative of and on behalf of the Estate Of
Ward Benjamin McClain, III is the Appellant

v.

GREENVILLE, S.C., CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE
CITY OF GREENVILLE, S.C., OFFICER JUSTIN JANICKE,
OFFICER JEFFREY SMITH, OFFICER NOEL TUCK,
OFFICER C.J. CLINGAN, AND SERGEANT MICHELLE LENTZ Respondents

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice Of Appeal on the Attorney for the Respondents,
William A. Coates, via his AIS email, pursuant to the Order of The Supreme Court Of South
Carolina dated April 24, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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Greenville, South Carolina

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