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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Martha Rivers, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-001368

The State, Respondent,

v.

Christopher Lamar Corbitt, Appellant.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

This matter is before the Court on the undersigned Counsel's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel in the above-captioned case.

On June 10, 2024, Counsel was retained to represent Appellant Mr. Christopher Lamar Corbitt for pending charges in Lexington County General Sessions Court. The contract signed for representation did not include representation for any appeal. (Exhibit A)

On June 17, 2026, Appellant was found guilty and was sentenced to 5 and 15 concurrent years imprisonment. At Appellant's direction, Counsel filed a Notice of Appeal with this Court.

On June 18, 2026, Counsel emailed a copy of the Affidavit of Indigency to Appellant Defense for their consideration.

On July 14, 2026 Counsel requested an extension of time to request the transcript in the above referenced matter because SCCID had not approved representation by the Commission for Indigency Defense.

On July 15, 2026 the South Carolina Court of Appeals granted the extension to order the transcript until August 19, 2026.

On July 28, 2026 Appellant Defense denied their services (see letter attached Exhibit B)

Appellant's Counsel requested that Appellant Defense reconsider their consideration based on a list of factors referenced in letter dated July 25, 2026 (see letter attached Exhibit C)

On July 30, 2026 General Counsel for S.C. Commission of Indigent Defense denied to reconsider their decision. (see letter attached Exhibit D)

Appellant Counsel would therefore request that 1. He be relieved from further representation in that his contract did not provide for handling an Appeal; 2. Review the determination on Mr. Corbitt's indigency status and appoint counsel for his appeal; 3. Hold the timelines in obeyance pending the motion to be relieve counsel and appoints other counsel.

THEREFORE, Appellant respectfully moves **to withdraw as Counsel in the above-caption case**.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Robert T. Williams, Sr.
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July 31, 2026

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)

ATTORNEYS FEE AGREEMENT

This agreement entered into this 10 day of July, 2024, by and between Theo Williams of the law firm of Williams, Stitely & Brink, PC, as attorney and Christopher Lamar Corbitt as client (hereinafter referred to as "Client");

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that it is hereby agreed and understood that the law firm of Williams, Stitely & Brink, PC shall use its best efforts in the representation of Client on charges involving, Poss. of weapon during viu. crime + Drugs/Traff. Meth/ice/crank/cocaine 7=28g <100g which some warrant may have been issued. Client does hereby agree to be bound to pay any and all sums mentioned herein.

IT IS HEREBY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the maximum fee charged for the representation will be $7,500.00. Any cost incurred will be charged separately. **This fee does not include actions for recovery of confiscated property. That matter will be paid for and negotiated in a separate contract.**

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the sum of $7,500.00 is to be paid in the following manner: Retainer of $5000 Accepting $3,091 (Cash) $100.00 Cash App. Per Theo July 11 and Monthly payments in the amount of $250 mm beginning on Sept. 14, 2024 and every month on the 1st day of each month thereafter until paid in full. All funds are considered earned on receipt, but such funds are subject to refund if the agreed-upon legal services are not provided.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that this agreement involves representation only through the trial or plea stage of this case and does not obligate attorneys to prosecute any appeal on behalf of Client or to represent him on any other charges which may come up. In no case will the fee charged be less than $7,500.00.

No representations have been made concerning the ultimate outcome of Client's case. No promises have been made concerning the outcome of the case.

Attorneys may use this document to signify the Client's consent to the Attorneys withdrawal in the following situations:

a. The client fails to co-operate with the attorney.

b. The Attorneys believe a conflict of interest is present (or develops);

c. The Attorneys believe a withdrawal of representation is required by law or by the rules of professional conduct

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that if the payments called for in this agreement are not made in a timely manner that the law firm of Williams, Stitely & Brink, P.C. shall not be obligated to further represent Client. Time is of the essence of this contract as it relates to the payment of attorney's fees.

I AFFIRM that no funds paid to my lawyer are from illegal sources.

"Any funds remaining in trust may be applied to other matters this law firm is representing the client on as specified and agreed to by the client".

WILLIAMS, STITELY & BRINK, PC

BY:_____

x Michelle McKee
CLIENT

_____
WITNESS

Christopher Corbett

SCCID
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

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Wanda H. Carter, Chief Appellate Defender

July 28, 2026

Christopher Corbitt, #401478
Kirkland Correctional Institution
4344 Broad River Road
Columbia,SC 29210

Re: The State v. Christopher L. Corbitt

Dear Mr. Corbitt:

Our office has reviewed the Affidavit of Indigency for your case. You listed assets that value thirty three thousand dollars ($33,000) above the presumptive guidelines for indigency.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, as required by Rule 602(b)(3), SCACR, you are not indigent, and therefore unfortunately you do not qualify for our services.

Please contact me if you should have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

s/Della White
Administrative Coordinator

cc: S. C.Court of Appeals
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July 29, 2026

Della White
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Email: dwhite@sccid.sc.gov

Re: Christopher Lamar Corbitt

Dear Mrs. White,

I appreciate the letter of July 28, 2026, being forwarded to me in reference to ***State v. Christopher L. Corbitt.***

The letter indicates that he has assets valued at $33,000 and that is above the presumptive guidelines for indigency.

Could you please forward this letter to Harvey Young Esquire, Laverne Brown Esquire, and Wanda H Carter Esquire?

I believe that an examination of the assets regarding how Mr. Corbitt could hire an attorney would reveal obvious hardship if not impossibility.

Mr. Corbitt was convicted on June 17, 2026. The items that the SCCID considered in the letter dated July 28, 2026, includes two parcels of land that he and his sister received pursuant to intestacy as a result of the death of their mother, Michelle Mckie (see attached deeds of distribution)

Mrs. Mckie died March 5, 2025, and the deeds were issued May 7, 2026. The two (2) parcels include a trailer on one and a small patch of land on the other (see tax map 00-04-002 and 272-00-07-013).

I learned today that Laquel Corbitt, sister of the Defendant (Appellant) and Mr. Corbitt's fiancée live on the old home place (trailer) with their children.

Christopher Corbitt's fiancé, child, pregnant sister Laquel Corbitt and her seven (7) children all currently reside in this homeplace.

The co-owner of the property (Laquel Corbitt) does not wish to file a partition action to attempt to secure another residence.

It would appear if nothing else that this should qualify for Mr. Corbitt to be considered indigent.

Could I ask you to reexamine the position of SCCID?

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Robert T. Williams

RTW/DG

cc: Christopher Lamar Corbitt

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AIKEN COUNTY ASSESSOR
Tax Map:
272-00-07-013
Date: 05/21/2026

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	IN THE PROBATE COURT
	)	
COUNTY OF AIKEN	)	**DEED OF DISTRIBUTION**
	)	**(Real Property Only)**
IN THE MATTER OF:	)	**NOT A WARRANTY DEED**
MICHELLE MCKIE	)	Title Not Examined
(Decedent)	)	CASE NUMBER: 2025-ES-02-1067

The undersigned states as follows:

Decedent died on MARCH 5, 2025; and probate of the Estate is being administered in the Probate Court for AIKEN County, South Carolina, in File #2025-ES-02-1067.

I/We was/were appointed Personal Representative (s) on SEPTEMBER 22, 2025.

Decedent owned real property described as follows:

Tax Map Number: 263-00-04-002 AND 272-00-07-013

Street/Property Address: LOT 5 DEER TRACTS-WAGENER ROAD AND 123 STALEY DRIVE, WAGENER, SC 29164

Legal Description: DECEDENT'S INTEREST ONLY

☐ Additional sheet(s) for additional property(ies) is attached (check if applicable)

This transfer is made pursuant to:

☐ Decedent's Will
☑ Intestacy Statute: SCPC 62-2-103
☐ Private Family Agreement: SCPC 62-3-912
☐ Disclaimer by: _____
☐ Probate Court Order issued on _____
☐ Other: _____

In accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina, the Personal Representative(s) does/do hereby release all of the Personal Representative's(s') right, title and interest, including statutory and/or testamentary powers, over the real property described to the beneficiaries named below:

Name:	CHRISTOPHER LAMAR CORBITT	Name:	_____
Address:	123 STALEY DRIVE WAGENER, SC 29164	Address:	_____ _____
Name:	LAQUEL CORBITT	Name:	_____
Address:	5010 JIMMYE LANE SALLEY, SC 29137	Address:	_____ _____

□ Additional sheet(s) for names of additional beneficiaries is attached (check, if applicable)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as Personal Representative(s) of the above Estate, has executed this Deed of Distribution, on this 7th day of May, 2026.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Witness: Elisa R Rish

Print Name: ELISA R. RISH

Witness : _____

Print Name: JACQUELINE F. BUSBEE

Estate of: MICHELLE MCKIE
Signature of Personal Representative: _____

Print Name: _____

If applicable,
Signature of Co-Personal Representative: _____

Print Name: _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

COUNTY OF AIKEN

I, JACQUELINE F. BUSBEE, Notary Public, a notary for the State of South Carolina do hereby certify that CHRISTOPHER LAMAR CORBITT, as Personal Representative(s) of the Estate of MICHELLE MCKIE, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Deed of Distribution.

Witness my hand and seal this the 7th day of May, 2026.

_____ (SEAL)
(Signature of Notary Public)
JACQUELINE F. BUSBEE
(Print name of Notary Public)
Notary Public for State of SC
My Commission Expires: 11/28/2028

Note: It is recommended that an attorney prepare this document and determine if a title examination is necessary.

Exhibit A

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being located on Staley Drive, near the Town of Wagener, in Aiken County, South Carolina, containing one acre, more or less, as shown on a plat prepared by F. V. Clinkscales dated August 30, 1989 and having the following measurements and boundaries: Beginning at an iron pin on the Northern side of Staley Road; thence with said road S 88 degrees 32 minutes W 76 feet to an iron pin which is 309.8 feet from Paul Hunt's property corner; thence leaving said road N 01 degrees 34 minutes W 570.2 feet to an iron pin; thence N 86 degrees 10 minutes E 76 feet to an iron pin; thence S 01 degrees 34 minutes E 573.4 feet to an iron pin which is the point of beginning.

Tax Map #: 272-00-07-013

ALSO: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being located on Wagener Road, near the Town of Wagener, in Aiken County, South Carolina, being shown as Lot 5, containing 2.24 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat prepared for Deer Tracts Development, prepared by John O'Farr dated February 27, 1984 recorded in Plat Book 18 Page 191 in the Aiken County Register of Deeds Office. This reference is being made to such plat for a more complete and accurate description thereof.

Tax Map #:263-00-04-002

This being the identical property conveyed to Michelle McKie by deed of distribution of Debra Culler Lloyd dated and dated May 12, 2008 and recorded May 21, 2008 in Record Book 4204 Page 439 in the Aiken County Register of Deeds Office.

CJC

Avery Hatfield

From: Young, Hervery <hyoung@sccid.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2026 12:23 PM
To: Theo Williams; Carter, Wanda; White, Della; Brown, Lawrence
Subject: State v. Christopher Corbitt

Categories: Smokeball

Theo

I hope all is well with you. I attempted to reach you by phone, but you were out of the office. Therefore, I am writing on this matter. We have reviewed the information you provided, and the information provided by Mr. Corbitt. As you know, Rule 602 provides that in determining if a person is indigent, all factors concerning the person's financial condition should be considered. Mr. Corbitt is a 50/50 owner of real estate in Aiken County. If we consider the value assessed by Mr. Corbitt, his interest equals about $33,000. The value assessed to the property by the Aiken County Assessor's office and online platforms such as Zillow is substantially higher. However, the $33,000 value, coupled with the month check he is currently receiving, exceeds the poverty guidelines for him and makes him ineligible for appointed counsel. Please note this is the determination of the Office of Appellate Defense.

Pursuant to Rule 264, SCACR, you should file a Motion with the appellate court asking the court to:

1. Relieve you
2. Review the determination on Mr. Corbitt's indigency status and appoint counsel for his appeal
3. Hold the timelines in abeyance pending the determination of relieving you and appointing counsel.

I believe in your Motion you should inform the Court of the determination by Appellate Defense and share the information provided by you and Mr. Corbitt

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the within and foregoing Motion to Withdraw as Counsel by depositing a true and correct copy of the same via first-class mail, postage prepaid, upon all parties as follows:

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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
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RE: The State v. Christopher Corbitt – Appellate Case No. 2026-001368

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please see the enclosed Motion to Withdraw as Counsel for filing which is being served on all parties.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call me.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely,

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SC Bar Number 6149
Attorney for Appellant

cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
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