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APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY

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R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2023-CP-43-01088

Appellate Case No. 2026-000212

Claude Helton,

Appellant,

v.

Sumter County Sheriff's Department,

Respondent.

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**RESPONDENT SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S  
DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN RECORD ON APPEAL**

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Respondent, Sumter County Sheriff's Office, designates the following to be included in the Record on Appeal:

1. All documents identified in Appellant's Designation of Matter for Record on Appeal;
2. Memorandum of Ruling dated October 14, 2025;
3. Response in Opposition to Motion to Reconsider;
4. Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider;

Pursuant to Rule 209(c), SCACR, I certify that this designation does not contain any matter that is irrelevant to this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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Pursuant to Section (d)(1) of the Supreme Court's Order Methods of Electronic Filing and Service Under Rule 262 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (As Amended April 24, 2024), the undersigned employee of the Garfield Spreeuwers Law Group, counsel for the Respondent, does hereby certify that service of the **RESPONDENT SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN RECORD ON APPEAL** was made upon all counsel of record by email only this the 31st day of July 2026, as follows:

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