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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
The Honorable Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No: 2026-000486

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

ERNEST CONDRE BETHEL,

Petitioner.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the Brief of Respondent, along with the Certificate of Service have been forward to Appellant's counsel, Dayne Phillips, Esquire via email today August 14, 2026 to dayne@pricebenowitz.com and his assistant, Courtney Powers, at Courtney@pricebenowitz.com.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This is the 14th day of August 2026.

s/Tommy Evans, Jr.

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Dear Mr. Phillips,

Please find attached the Brief of Respondent together with the Certificate of Service. These documents will be filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court today, August 14, 2026, together with a copy of this email. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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