

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

Mustafa El Shabazz Bey,
Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent.

**Appeal from the South Carolina Administrative Law Court
The Honorable S. Phillip Lenski, Administrative Law Judge
ALC Docket No. 25-ALJ-18-0423-AP**

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**MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM APPELLATE FILING FEE AND
TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

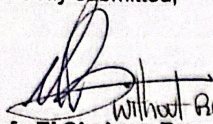
Appellant Mustafa El Shabazz Bey, appearing pro se, respectfully moves this Court, pursuant to Rule 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, for relief from the appellate filing fee and for permission to proceed in forma pauperis.

In support of this Motion, Appellant states as follows:

1. Appellant is appealing the August 20, 2026 Order of Dismissal entered by the South Carolina Administrative Law Court in Docket No. 25-ALJ-18-0423-AP.
2. Appellant is presently unable to pay the appellate filing fee without substantial financial hardship.
3. Appellant lacks sufficient income, assets, and financial resources to pay the filing fee while meeting his necessary living expenses.
4. Appellant submits the attached Affidavit of Indigency setting forth his present financial circumstances.
5. Appellant is proceeding without counsel and respectfully requests that the Court exercise its authority under Rule 240(d), SCACR, to relieve Appellant from payment of the filing fee.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant this Motion, waive the appellate filing fee, permit Appellant to proceed in forma pauperis, and grant such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



Without Recourse

Mustafa El Shabazz Bey
Appellant, Pro Se

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Date: August 21, 2026

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AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY

I, **Mustafa El Shabazz Bey**, being first duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am the Appellant in this proceeding.
2. I am financially unable to pay the appellate filing fee without substantial hardship.
3. My present employment status is: Employed.
4. My approximate gross monthly income is: \$ 500.00+
5. I receive the following public assistance or other benefits, if any: N/A
6. I have approximately \$0.00 in checking accounts and \$47.47 in savings accounts.
7. I own the following significant assets, if any: N/A
8. My approximate necessary monthly expenses are:

Housing: \$0.00

Utilities: \$0.00

Food: \$500.00

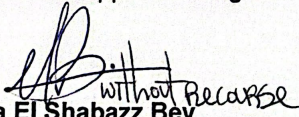
Transportation: \$77.00

Medical/personal expenses: \$0.00

Other necessary expenses: \$

9. I have the following dependents, if any: N/A
10. After payment of my ordinary and necessary living expenses, I do not have sufficient funds available to pay the appellate filing fee.
11. The information contained in this Affidavit is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I respectfully request that the South Carolina Court of Appeals permit me to proceed without payment of the appellate filing fee.


Mustafa El Shabazz Bey

Affiant

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF BALTIMORE

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, this 21 day of August, 2026, by Mustafa El Shabazz Bey, who personally appeared before me and made oath or affirmation that the statements contained in the foregoing Affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Notary Public

Malika Howell

Printed Name:

Malika Howell

My Commission Expires: March 18, 2028

Notary Registration No. (if applicable): _____

MALIKA HOWELL

Notary Public
Baltimore City
Maryland

My Commission Expires March 18, 2028

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Motion for Relief from Appellate Filing Fee and to Proceed In Forma Pauperis and Affidavit of Indigency** upon Respondent and all other parties entitled to service in accordance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

Service was made upon:

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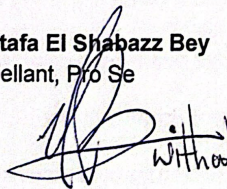
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and any other party required to be served.

Service was accomplished by: USPS Mail Service

on this 22 day of August, 2026.

Mustafa El Shabazz Bey
Appellant, Pro Se


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