

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Appellate Case No. 2026-001537

James R. Watson, Jr.,
Appellant,

v.

Lori Lee Creel,
Respondent.

Appeal From Florence County
Court of Common Pleas
Lower Court C/A No. 2025-CP-21-02046

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NOTICE REGARDING USPS MAIL DELAY AND COMPLETION OF SERVICE BY HAND DELIVERY

Appellant, **James R. Watson, Jr.**, proceeding **pro se**, respectfully submits this Notice for purposes of documenting the status and completion of service of Appellant's appellate filings.

1. On **August 14, 2026**, Appellant tendered an envelope containing appellate documents to the United States Postal Service in Florence, South Carolina, for service upon counsel for Respondent.
2. The mailing was assigned **USPS Tracking No. 9407111899561320918167**.
3. USPS tracking reflects that the mailing departed the Florence, South Carolina Post Office on August 14, 2026.
4. The subsequent tracking status reported the mailing as **"In Transit to Next Facility, Arriving Late."**
5. Because the mailing had not reached its intended destination and remained delayed in the USPS system, Appellant took additional steps to ensure that Respondent's counsel actually received the appellate documents.
6. On **August 25, 2026**, Appellant completed service by **hand delivery** to counsel for Respondent at:

Charles Benny Holbrooks III, Esquire
Finklea, Hendrick & Blake, LLC
814 West Evans Street
Florence, South Carolina 29501

1. A hand-delivery acknowledgment/receipt was obtained to document completion of service.
2. Accordingly, notwithstanding the continuing USPS delay, **service was rendered and**

completed by hand delivery on August 25, 2026.

3. Appellant submits this Notice to maintain an accurate appellate record concerning the mailing delay and subsequent completion of service. This Notice is informational and does not request substantive relief from the Court.
4. Appellant may attach the USPS tracking information as **Exhibit A** and the signed acknowledgment of hand delivery as **Exhibit B** as documentation of the circumstances described herein.

Respectfully submitted,



8/25/26

James R. Watson, Jr.

Appellant, Pro Se

102 Magnolia Drive

Florence, South Carolina 29506

Date: August 25, 2026

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice Regarding USPS Mail Delay and Completion of Service by Hand Delivery was served by hand delivery upon counsel for Respondent on August 25, 2026, at:

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Service was acknowledged by the recipient or authorized office representative as reflected on the accompanying acknowledgment of hand delivery.



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James R. Watson, Jr.

Appellant, Pro Se

Date: August 25, 2026

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A — USPS Tracking Record

USPS Tracking No. **9407111899561320918167**, reflecting the mailing as "In Transit to Next Facility, Arriving Late."

Exhibit B — Acknowledgment of Hand Delivery

Signed acknowledgment documenting hand delivery and completion of service on **August 25, 2026**.

12:44



Tracking Updates

Status

In Transit

Your envelope is in transit

Tracking number



9407111899561320918167

Monday, August 17

08:00 PM In Transit to Next Facility, Arriving Late...

Friday, August 14

08:10 AM Departed Post Office
FLORENCE, SC

07:59 AM USPS in possession of item
FLORENCE, SC

06:38 AM Shipping Label Created, USPS Awaiting Item
FLORENCE, SC

Share Tracking Details

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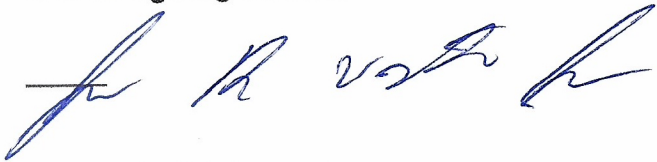
I, James R. Watson, Jr., Appellant proceeding pro se, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the following documents:

1. Appellant's Initial Brief; and
2. Appellant's Designation of Matter to Be Included in the Record on Appeal

were served by **hand delivery** upon counsel for Respondent at:

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Finklea, Hendrick & Blake, LLC
814 West Evans Street
Florence, South Carolina 29501

The foregoing documents were hand delivered on this 25th day of August, 2026.



James R. Watson, Jr.
Appellant, Pro Se
102 Magnolia Drive
Florence, South Carolina 29506

Date: 9/25/26

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RECEIPT OF HAND DELIVERY

I acknowledge receipt by hand delivery of a copy of the following documents in **South Carolina Court of Appeals, Appellate Case No. 2026-001537**:

1. Appellant's Initial Brief; and
2. Appellant's Designation of Matter to Be Included in the Record on Appeal.

Received for:

Charles Benny Holbrooks III, Esquire
Finklea, Hendrick & Blake, LLC
814 West Evans Street
Florence, South Carolina 29501

Received by (Print Name):

Randilyn Brown

Signature of Recipient:

Randilyn Brown

Date Received:

12/25/24

Time Received:

11:57

Title/Position, if received by office staff:

Receptionist