

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Charleston County

Honorable Jocelyn J. Newman, Circuit Court Judge

GARY NELSON,

PETITIONER

V.

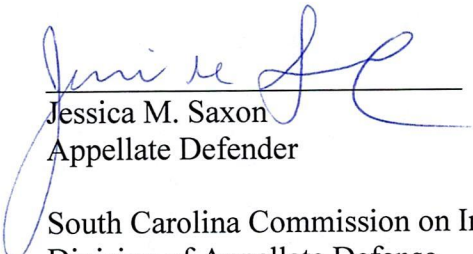
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-000487

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies true copies of the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the above-referenced case have been served upon Kylee Kanealey, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), and on Gary Nelson, #329426, at Wateree River Correctional Institution, PO Box 189, Rembert, SC 29128-0189, this 31st day of August, 2026.



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Re: Your Case

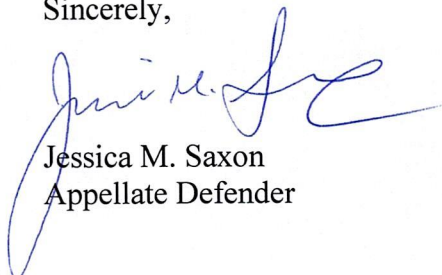
Dear Mr. Nelson:

Enclosed are copies of the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in your case, which I have filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court. The filing of a Johnson Petition indicates to the appellate court that I have reviewed everything in your case and based on the record and law there are no meritorious issues that can be raised which would result in the PCR Court's decision being overturned. The appellate court will perform an independent review of the record and can order briefing on any issue it identifies in the record.

The Court will write to you in the future eliciting any **written memorandum** you may want to submit for the Court's consideration of your appeal. That memorandum should be sent to the Supreme Court, and **not to me**. Please understand that the State does **not file a return** when a Johnson petition is filed. The petition to be relieved is a standard part of the Johnson procedure, it does not mean that I do not wish to represent you.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Warren, Kaylynn

From: Warren, Kaylynn
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2026 11:39 AM
To: kyleekanealey@scag.gov
Cc: Saxon, Jessica; Vickie Hall
Subject: 2026-000487 Gary Nelson v. The State
Attachments: 2026-000487 Gary Nelson v. The State Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari.pdf;
2026-000487 Gary Nelson v. The State Appendix.pdf

Good Morning,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case are the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix which will be filed today, August 31, 2026, with the Supreme Court via email filing.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn

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