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THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT of APPEALS

Zhelma Delorise Kendrick, Appellant,

V.

The State, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-001536

The Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr.
York County

Trial Court Case No. 2026CP4601075

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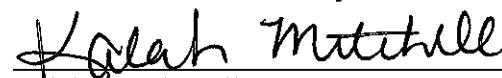
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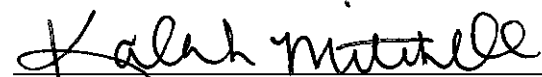
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