

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

**Case No. 2026-CP-40-05402** (On Appeal from the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Richland County)

**DENNIS SOBIN**, Plaintiff–Appellant,

v.

**ALAN WILSON**, in his official capacity as Attorney General of South Carolina, Defendant–Respondent.

**MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS ON APPEAL**

COMES NOW Appellant **Dennis Sobin**, appearing pro se, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court for leave to proceed **in forma pauperis** on appeal pursuant to **Rule 240**, **SCACR**, and **Rule 3(b)(1)**, **SCRCP**, and states the following:

**I. BASIS FOR RELIEF**

1. Appellant filed a civil action in the Court of Common Pleas challenging the constitutionality of South Carolina’s prostitution statutes.
2. On **August 21, 2026**, the lower court issued an order **denying** Appellant’s request to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to *Ex parte Martin*, 321 S.C. 533 (1995).
3. Appellant has timely filed a **Notice of Appeal** from that denial under **Rule 203(b)(1)**, **SCACR**.
4. Appellant is indigent, lives in public housing, receives food stamps, is 82 years old and unable to pay the filing fee required to perfect this appeal.
5. Appellant receives approximately **\$950 per month** in Social Security benefits, pays **approximately \$300 per month** in rent, and has no savings, assets, or discretionary income.
6. Without IFP status, Appellant will be **unable to perfect the appeal**, resulting in dismissal and preventing appellate review of the lower court’s denial.

**II. LEGAL STANDARD**

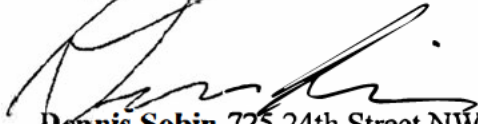
7. Under **Rule 240(a)**, **SCACR**, an indigent litigant may proceed on appeal without payment of fees upon filing a motion and supporting affidavit.
  8. South Carolina courts recognize that appellate review of an IFP denial is appropriate where the denial prevents access to judicial review.
  9. Appellant’s challenge is non-frivolous and raises constitutional issues warranting appellate consideration.
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### **III. REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court:

1. **Grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal;**
2. **Waive the appellate filing fee and all associated costs;**
3. Permit the appeal to proceed without prepayment of fees; and
4. Grant such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



**Dennis Sobin** 725 24th Street NW, Apt. 613 Washington, DC 20037 Phone: 202-393-1511  
Email: dennissobin@yahoo.com *Appellant, Pro Se*

Dated: August 31, 2026

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

COUNTY OF Richland )

Dennis Sobin )

Plaintiff, )

vs. )

Alan Wilson )

Defendant. )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER  
IN FORMA PAUPERIS

FILE NO. 2026CP4005402

ORDER

☐ Leave is Granted to proceed *in forma pauperis* without payment of the filing fee.

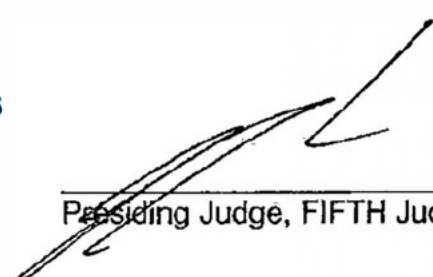
☐ Leave is Granted to proceed *in forma pauperis* without payment of the service cost.

☒ Leave is Denied to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to *Ex parte Martin*, 321 S.C. 533, 471 S.E.2d 134 (1995).

☐ Leave is Denied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Plaintiff has failed to establish compliance with the Poverty Guidelines pursuant to Rule 3(b)(1), SCRCF.

If denied, this case will be dismissed without further order of the court if the filing fee and associated costs are not paid on or before 30 days  
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Dated: Aug 21 20 26

  
Presiding Judge, FIFTH Judicial Circuit

Columbia, South Carolina

**NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF:** The Court may assess costs against either party at hearing.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY (APPELLATE)**

I, **Dennis Sobin**, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

**1. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Name:** Dennis Sobin **Address:** 725 24th Street NW, Apt. 613, Washington, DC 20037  
**Phone:** 202-393-1511 **Email:** dennissobin@yahoo.com

**2. INCOME**

1. I receive approximately **\$950 per month** in Social Security benefits.
2. I have **no other income** from employment, business, pensions, disability, public assistance, or any other source.
3. I am 82, live in public housing and receive food stamps.
4. I have **no financial support** from any person, organization, or entity.

**3. ASSETS**

I possess **no assets of any kind**, including:

- No real estate
- No vehicle
- No savings account
- Checking account with \$50
- No cash reserves
- No stocks, bonds, or investments
- No property of value

**4. MONTHLY EXPENSES**

My monthly expenses include:

- **Rent:** approximately **\$300 per month**
- **Food:** minimal subsistence level **Utilities:** minimal
- **Medical:** \$200
- **Transportation:** 300

After rent and above is paid, I have **less than \$150 per month** remaining for all other necessities.

## **5. DEBTS & OBLIGATIONS**

I have **no significant debts**, loans, or credit obligations. I am unable to incur new debt to pay court fees.

## **6. INABILITY TO PAY APPELLATE FEES**

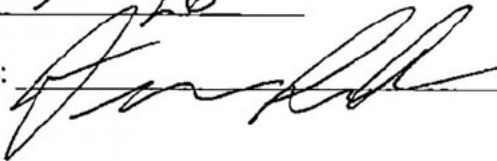
1. I am 82 and unable to pay the appellate filing fee required to perfect my appeal.
2. Without indigent status, my appeal will be dismissed, preventing review of the lower court's denial of my IFP request.
3. I respectfully request leave to proceed **in forma pauperis** on appeal pursuant to **Rule 240, SCACR**.

## **7. DECLARATION**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: 8-31-26

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Dennis Sobin, Appellant**

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**Date:** August 31, 2026

**Clerk of Court**

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**RE: Filing of Notice of Appeal and Supporting Documents**

**Sobin v. Wilson, Case No. 2026-CP-40-05402** (On Appeal from the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Richland County)

Dear Clerk:

Please accept for filing the enclosed documents in the above-captioned appeal:

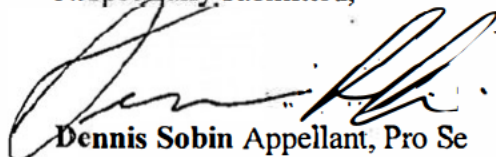
1. **Notice of Appeal**
2. **Certificate of Service**
3. **Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis on Appeal**
4. **Affidavit of Indigency (Appellate Version)**
5. **Statement in Lieu of Transcript**

These documents are submitted pursuant to **Rule 203, SCACR**, and are intended to perfect Appellant's appeal from the August 21, 2026 Order denying leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

respectfully request that the Court docket this appeal and notify me of any additional requirements needed to complete the filing process. If any corrections or supplemental materials are required, I will promptly comply.

Thank you for your attention to this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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