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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Victoria Joy Stevens,
Appellant,

v.

Charles Ard,
Respondent,

Appellate Case No.: 2025-001237
(Lower Court Case No.: 2022CP2604125)

**Motion to Authorize Inspection of Audio Recordings
and to Compel Transcript Correction.**

Victoria Joy Stevens
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Counsel unknown

Appellant Victoria Joy Stevens moves this court to compel compliance with Subpoena Duces Tecum, signed by Clerk of Court, Renee Elvis, 4/22/26, to Court Reporter Kay H. Richardson. The Subpoena Duces Tecum specifically requested the audio recordings from which the transcripts were derived, relating to Horry County Court of Common Pleas Case No. 2022CP2604125, including proceedings held on June 9, 2025, and continuing through June 10, 2025, as well as copies of the prepared transcripts. Said Subpoena closed with "Your attendance is commanded; said items must be delivered, failure to comply with this command can result in charges of contempt of court. Pursuant to Rule 45; sccourts.org."

STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

1. The Subpoena Duces Tecum was sent by certified mail. The Horry County Clerk of Court advised Appellant to retain the green certified-mail return receipt. Appellant retained the receipt and proof of delivery..
2. The cyber proof of service and pick up is copied/pasted: **9589071052700554037474**
3. **Latest Update** Your item was picked up at the post office at 3:47 pm on July 10, 2026 in AYNOR, SC 29511.
4. **Delivered, Individual Picked Up at Post Office AYNOR, SC 29511**
5. July 10, 2026 3:47 PM
6. The green certified receipt is copied and enclosed as Exhibit A
7. Second attempt Meet and Confer enclosed as Exhibit B. Mark ed with Date of June 15, 2026.

The deadline has passed without production, objection, or a motion for protective order from the court reporter. I cite **SCACR Rule 207** due to the fact my appeal is pending and transcript production deadlines are governed by appellate rules.

LEGAL MEMORANDUM & GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

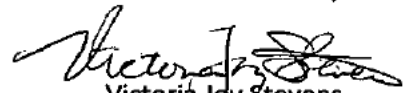
1. Under Rule 607(i) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (**SCACR**), court reporters must retain both primary and backup audio recordings for **at least five (5) years** from the date of the proceeding or **at least one (1) year** after delivering the certified transcript, whichever is longer. Therefore, Rule states these backup audio are still in her possession.
2. Pursuant to Section XIII(B) of the South Carolina Court Reporter Manual, court reporter audio recordings may be inspected upon written authorization of the Presiding Judge or Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes of the Circuit.
3. Appellant alleges material falsifications and omissions in the written transcript that directly impact core trial issues—specifically the omission of claims and judicial rulings on the record.
4. Under Rule 607, SCACR, and Rule 209, SCACR, an Appellant is entitled to a true, full, and accurate Record on Appeal. Where a transcript is defective or contested, judicial intervention is required to allow review of the primary audio backup to correct the official record.

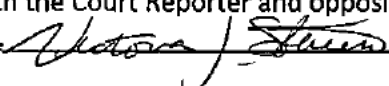
PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Appellant Stevens respectfully requests this Court issue an Order:

1. Granting explicit written authorization pursuant to the SC Court Reporter Manual for Plaintiff/Appellant (or an independent court-certified transcriber) to inspect/listen to the official audio recordings for the hearings held on June 9th and 10th, 2025;
2. Directing the Court Reporter to submit the raw audio file to the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for an in-camera comparative audit against the produced written transcript;
3. I ask for leave to supplement or amend your Appellant's Brief until 30 days after the final correction of the trial record; and
4. Granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


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Appellant, Pro Se

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD FAITH / RULE 11 I hereby certify that I have made good-faith attempts to resolve the transcript discrepancies directly with the Court Reporter and opposing counsel prior to filing this Motion, but no resolution was reached. 

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Kay H. Richardson
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Aynor, S.C. 29511

Re: Second Meet and Confer attempt
June 15, 2026

Dear Court Reporter,

On February 7, 2026, at 12:43 PM I sent you an email entitled "I request you listen to the trial 2022CO2604125 again". Your response adamantly reflected your position these recordings reflect the transcription copy. You gave me directive to follow directions in the attached document in your mail. I did not ask how to contest the transcripts. I sent you request to confer on these horridly wrong transcripts, then as legally follows a Subpoena for the audio. You ignored a legally issued Subpoena Duces Tecum.

With all due respect, in South Carolina, a subpoena holds the same legal force as a court order. Court officials, agencies, and ordinary citizens are legally mandated to respond to a subpoena that is properly issued and within their purview. You have violated law, several factually. In South Carolina, ignoring a properly served subpoena is a serious offense. A court reporter who willfully ignores a subpoena can be found in **contempt of court**, leading to fines, arrest warrants, and potential misdemeanor charges. severe cases, the court may issue a bench warrant to have law enforcement physically bring the reporter in. Inasmuch as under South Carolina law, the combination of construction negligence, active fraud, and the exploitation of a severely disabled plaintiff constitute an exceptionally severe case. It is, therefore, reasonable that this Ignorance of a properly served **Subpoena Duces Tecum** in South Carolina results in a judge issuing a **bench warrant** for your arrest.

Because a Subpoena Duces Tecum is a court-ordered command to produce specific documents, records, or physical evidence, refusing to comply puts you in **contempt of court**.

This transcript bears major omissions of flagrant Court errors, and omission of actual proceedings.

- **COURT ERROR** Page 14 & 15, lines 14 through 26, and lines 1 through 16 to page 15 lines 1

through 8. In regards to my amended complaint, we pulled a jury July 9, 2025, complaint was amended June 5, 2025, and filed. Rule 15 allows for amended claim to be brought. I now can understand why Attorney Lawrence Smith made me wait three years to get this Judge.

- **COURT ERROR** Judge Hyman completely ignored Court Rule 803(6)(b) page 30 line 20 through 24, page 32, line 13 through to line 14 page 35.
- **PROOF OF OMISSIONS** Page 142, lines 6 to 8, I apologize to the jury for making them get up and leave the courtroom so many times. Over half of these Judicial removals are not in these transcripts. These omissions create the illusion of Judicial fairness, Judge Hyman had stated, that I had never mentioned sexual assault, when it is in my initial complaint. This trial was everything but fair.
- **COURT ERRORS** My family owns Horry County's oldest law firm, and my honors Masters' is in Policy. I sustained injuries which left me physically disabled, but mentally able to gain Honors degrees. I know from firsthand experience the value and application of fairness, and its opposite discrimination. I was assured, and I incorrectly assumed, that transcripts would accurately reflect what occurred at trial, therefore I would get justice. Legally, the court itself does not bear the sole weight of deciding if justice is served. Instead, under the U.S. adversarial system, the court acts as a neutral referee, while the responsibility for proving facts and deciding guilt falls on the opposing parties and the jury. So why does a Judge, who trial was delayed three years to have on the bench, get to ignore court rules, refuse a jury's verdict, make the jury redeliberate, and chose the Court Reporter who prepared the fraudulent transcripts? Justice is surely not the reason.
- **COURT & COURT EMPLOYEE ERRORS** The most heinous omission of this transcript is the jury's original verdict, in which I was awarded all my repair bills. That along with the omissions of Judge Hyman's refusal of their verdict, and statement that they were ruling on emotion not law, truly makes me question your professional competency, and right to be a South Carolina Court Reporter. Coming from a Family whose professional Titles and Degrees are almost all involved in law, I know what to do. I, therefore, certified mailed you Subpoena Duces Tecum, signed by Clerk of Court Renee Elvis. Which you ignored for 10 days, until returned.

The Legal mechanisms governing this include:

- Rule 45 - The South Carolina Judicial Branch: This rule governs civil subpoenas, detailing exactly how individuals and court-related entities must respond, produce documents, or appear for testimony.
- South Carolina Code Section 16-9-330: This statute explicitly makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly or willfully disobey a legally issued subpoena, or to refuse to take an oath and answer questions required by a court.

- South Carolina Code Section 15-47-120: Outlines the specific parameters for clerk-issued subpoenas, ensuring out-of-state and domestic processes are properly handled.
- South Carolina Code Section 14-7-1680: Details how specific investigative bodies (like the State Grand Jury) utilize subpoenas and enforce compliance through contempt of court rulings
- I did not send you a request on how to contest a transcript, I sent you U.S. Mail Certified Subpoena Duces Tecum, signed by Clerk of Court Renee Elvis, which you ignored. In South Carolina that is **Criminal Contempt**: Used to punish a person for willful disobedience, disrespect, or disrupting court proceedings. When found guilty of criminal contempt, the punishment is a fixed penalty (like a set jail term or fine) for past behavior that cannot be undone by complying later. A criminal contempt conviction goes on your permanent criminal record. I am filing Motion to Compel.

This certified mail, to your sccourts.org listed contact was delivered. Law clearly stipulates the following:

- **Contempt of Court**: Under Rule 45 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, failure to comply with an adequate excuse is punishable as contempt of the court that issued the document.
- **Classified Misdemeanor**: According to South Carolina Code Section 16-9-330, willfully failing to obey a legally issued subpoena is a misdemeanor. Conviction can result in fines between \$100 and \$500, imprisonment for up to six months, or both.
- **Disciplinary Action**: The South Carolina Court Reporter Manual mandates that a court reporter's willful failure to comply with obligations can lead to contempt enforceable by an Order from the South Carolina Supreme Court.
- **Civil Penalties**: If the ignoring party's actions cause a delay or result in a motion to compel, the court can also order the reporter to pay attorney fees and related legal expenses.
- **Rule 45 - South Carolina Judicial Branch (e) Contempt**. Failure by any person without adequate excuse to obey a subpoena served upon that person may be deemed a contempt of the court from which the subpoena issued. An adequate cause for failure to obey exists when a subpoena purports to require a non-party to attend a deposition, permit an inspection, or produce at a place not within the limits provided by clause (ii) of subparagraph (c)(3)(A); or if served without an adequate time to respond; or if service is made upon an individual under Rule 4(d)(1) and the individual did not receive or acknowledge the subpoena.

There is more, but I hope by sharing statute, court rule, and parameters of letter of the law, it is easy for you to ascertain your conduct is illegal, seemingly biased, and horridly unprofessional. I remain,

Yours truly,

Victoria Joy Stevens

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**On Today date
08/31/2026, I Victoria Stevens
sent 4 letters out through USPS.
The following names below are
the 4 letters I sent out.**

Clerk of court Renee Elvis

Charlie Ard (Respondent)

**Kay H Richardson (Court
reporter)**

Judge Hyman

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