

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Thomas Edward Humphrey, Appellant,

v.

State of South Carolina; Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of South Carolina; South Carolina Department of Public Safety; Robert G. Woods IV, Director of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety; South Carolina Highway Patrol; Christopher N. Williamson, Colonel and Commander of the South Carolina Highway Patrol; Christopher A. Plyler, Corporal of the South Carolina Highway Patrol - all officials sued in their individual and official capacities; ABC Mobile Auto & RV Repair; and Does 1-20 (unknown agents, officers, or co-conspirators of the State of South Carolina, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, or the South Carolina Highway Patrol), Defendants,

of which State of South Carolina is the Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-001771

ORDER

Appellant filed a notice of appeal from a circuit court order dismissing his case because he failed to pay the filing fee after the circuit court denied his motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Appellant moved this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Appellant also filed a “motion for expedited determination of indigency.” After careful consideration, we grant Appellant's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* because he is challenging his right to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the circuit court. We deny Appellant’s “motion for expedited determination of indigency” as moot.



FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:

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J. Emory Smith, Esquire

Marcus K. Gore, Esquire

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