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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY
COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

MATIE MURPHY, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Case No.: 2024A1820500960

Appellate Case No. 2025-002592

KEYSHON POINSETTE JR.,

Appellant,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

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LETTER TO CLERK
REGARDING INDIGENCY
AND TRANSCRIPT FEE

Dear Clerk:

I am the pro se appellant in the above-referenced matter. I am currently incarcerated and indigent and am unable to pay the cost of obtaining the transcript necessary for my pending appeal. The court reporter has provided me with an estimated transcript cost of more than \$900.

I do not have the financial ability to pay this amount. Because I am incarcerated, I also have no practical means of obtaining the funds necessary to pay the transcript expense.

The court reporter advised me to contact the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense/Office of Appellate Defense to determine whether assistance may be available with the transcript cost. I am doing so and am requesting assistance from that office. I am also notifying this Court because the transcript is necessary for me to properly pursue my appeal, and I do not want my inability to pay the transcript cost to be construed as a failure or refusal to comply with the appellate requirements.

I respectfully request that the Court take notice of my circumstances and advise me of the appropriate procedure for an incarcerated and indigent pro se appellant who is unable to pay the required transcript cost.

I further respectfully request any appropriate relief necessary to protect my right to pursue my pending appeal, including, if authorized, an order addressing the transcript expense, payment arrangements, extension of any applicable deadline, or any other relief the Court determines appropriate.

I am prepared to provide the Court with a copy of the court reporter's transcript estimate and any documentation establishing my incarceration and indigency.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



9-28-2026

Keyshon Poinsette Jr.
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KERSHAW CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
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Appellant,	)	APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR
	)	DETERMINATION OF INDIGENCY,
v.	)	LEAVE TO PROCEED PRO SE,
	)	AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSCRIPT
<u>STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,</u>	)	UNDER RULE 602(g)(6), SCACR,
Respondent.	)	AND RELATED RELIEF

**APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR DETERMINATION OF INDIGENCY, LEAVE TO
PROCEED PRO SE, AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSCRIPT EXPENSES UNDER RULE
602(g)(6), SCACR, AND RELATED RELIEF**

Appellant Keyshon Poinsette Jr., appearing pro se, moves under Rules 240 and 602(g)(6), SCACR, for an appropriate indigency determination, the findings required for payment of expenses incurred by a self-represented indigent appellant, authorization of funding for the requested transcript, and protection of applicable appellate deadlines. In support, Appellant states:

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal in this criminal matter, which is pending as Appellate Case No. 2025-002592.
2. Appellant is incarcerated at Kershaw Correctional Institution, inmate no. 378667. He has elected to conduct this appeal pro se and does not request appointment of appellate counsel.
3. Appellant requested a transcript from the General Sessions court reporter. The reporter has quoted an estimated cost of more than \$900. A copy of the estimate and, if available, the written transcript request should be included as Exhibit A.
4. Appellant asserts that he is indigent, cannot personally pay the quoted amount, and has no practical means of raising that sum while incarcerated. His sworn financial information is set forth in the attached Affidavit of Indigency (Exhibit B).

5. The reporter advised Appellant to contact the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense / Office of Appellate Defense concerning assistance with the cost. Appellant has indicated that he is seeking assistance from that office for transcript funding, not legal representation.
6. Appellant does not seek to deprive the reporter of lawful compensation or abandon the transcript request. He seeks a lawful mechanism for payment while continuing to represent himself.
7. Appellant asks that his inability to advance the quoted charge not be treated as a refusal to prosecute the appeal while his request for indigent transcript funding is considered.

ARGUMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF AUTHORITIES

I. RULE 602 CONTEMPLATES PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FOR AN INDIGENT APPELLANT PROCEEDING PRO SE.

Rule 602(g)(6), SCACR, addresses expenses of an indigent defendant representing himself at trial or on appeal. It conditions payment on the prescribed indigency determination and written order concerning competency to represent oneself, and contemplates submission of court reporter bills with the required documentation. Rule 602(g)(3) addresses transcript-bill reimbursement. Appellant requests that the Court make the required findings or direct him to the appropriate court or designated officer to obtain them, and then authorize processing of the necessary transcript expense through the applicable procedure. He does not seek appointed counsel.

II. APPELLANT HAS REQUESTED THE TRANSCRIPT BUT CANNOT ADVANCE ITS COST.

Rule 207(a), SCACR, governs arrangements for transcripts in appeals from General Sessions. Appellant has requested the transcript and received a quote exceeding \$900. His incarceration and asserted lack of available resources prevent him from personally funding it. The precise date and timeliness of the written request should be established by the correspondence attached as Exhibit A; Appellant does not ask the Court to assume compliance from this motion alone. The transcript is requested for preparation and presentation of the pending appeal.

III. RELIEF CONCERNING DEADLINES IS REQUESTED EXPRESSLY.

Under Rule 240(b), SCACR, a motion does not ordinarily stay applicable deadlines. Appellant therefore requests an express extension of any deadline affected by the unresolved transcript-funding and preparation process, for a reasonable period fixed by the Court. Appellant asks the Court to advise or direct any further steps necessary to maintain the appeal pending a ruling on funding.

WHEREFORE

Appellant respectfully requests an order:

- (1) determining indigency, or directing the required appearance and determination;
- (2) addressing the written self-representation finding required by Rule 602(g)(6), without appointing counsel contrary to Appellant's election;
- (3) authorizing, if the requirements are satisfied, payment of the necessary transcript expense through the applicable indigent-defense procedure;
- (4) directing the appropriate submission of the reporter's bill and supporting documentation;
- (5) extending applicable transcript-related appellate deadlines as necessary; and
- (6) granting other appropriate relief.

Respectfully submitted,



Keyshon Poinette Jr., Pro Se
Inmate #378667
Kershaw Correctional Institution
c/o 4848 Gold Mine Hwy.
Kershaw, South Carolina 29067

Date: September 28th, 2026



State of South Carolina
The Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit

Abigail M. Kiker
Court Reporter

P.O. Box 3163
Summerville, SC 29484
akiker@sccourts.org

August 31, 2026

Mr. Keyshon Poinsette

Re: State of South Carolina Vs. Keyshon Poinsette
2024GS1081818
August 11-13, 2025

Dear Mr. Poinsette:

I have completed your request of the trial transcript from the above referenced trial, held in Dorchester between August 11-13, 2025. It is 212 pages in length, for a total amount of \$901.00. Of course, I have already received the deposit of \$100.00, so the balance due is \$801.00. Once I have received your payment, I will send you a PDF copy of your transcript via email.

I have several options for payment for your convenience, including Zelle digital payments (I have included a QR code in the email), as well as a certified check or money order sent to the PO box listed above. Please remit payment within 30 days of the receipt of this letter, and please reference your case with the payment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Abigail M. Kiker
Court Reporter

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v.	)	IN SUPPORT OF
	)	TRANSCRIPT FUNDING
<u>STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.</u>	)	
Respondent.	)	

EXHIBIT B – AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY IN SUPPORT OF TRANSCRIPT FUNDING

I, Keyshon Poinsette Jr., being first duly sworn, state from personal knowledge:

1. I am the appellant in the above-captioned criminal appeal and am currently incarcerated at Kershaw Correctional Institution, inmate no. 378667.
2. I am representing myself on appeal. I request assistance paying for the transcript, not appointment of appellate counsel.
3. I requested the transcript from the General Sessions reporter and received an estimate of more than \$900. I am unable to pay that amount from funds available to me.
4. Because I am incarcerated, I have no practical means of earning or obtaining sufficient funds to pay the quoted transcript charge.
5. I provide the following financial information to permit an individualized determination of indigency. I will supplement it if directed by the Court:

Prison account balance (attach recent statement if available): \$0

Monthly prison wages or other income: \$0

Other income or support available to me: \$0

Cash, bank deposits, or other accessible funds: \$0

Real property, vehicles, or other assets and available equity: none

6. I request a determination of indigency and authorization of the necessary transcript expense in accordance with Rule 602, SCACR. I declare that the foregoing statements and any completed financial entries are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Keyshon Poinsette Jr., Affiant

Date: September 28th. 2026

Abrionna Lockwood

Witness #1



Witness #2

Keyshon Poinsette Jr., Pro Se

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	)	OFFICE OF APPELLATE DEFENSE -
	)	REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
<u>STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,</u>	)	REGARDING TRANSCRIPT COSTS
Respondent.	)	

Letter to the Commission / Office of Appellate Defense

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South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense / Office of Appellate Defense
P.O. Box 11433
COLUMBIA, SC 29211

RE: Request for Assistance with Transcript Costs

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to respectfully request assistance regarding the transcript for my pending appeal in the above-referenced matter. I am currently incarcerated and proceeding pro se.

I have been determined to be indigent and do not have the financial ability to pay for the transcript necessary for my appeal.

I recently received an estimated cost of more than \$900 from the court reporter for preparation of the transcript. Because I am incarcerated and indigent, I have no practical means of paying this amount. I am concerned that my inability to pay for the transcript will prevent me from properly prosecuting my appeal and obtaining meaningful appellate review.

The court reporter advised me to contact the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense/Office of Appellate Defense to determine whether assistance may be available with the transcript expense.

I respectfully request that your office review my circumstances and advise me whether the transcript can be provided through indigent-defense funds or whether there is another procedure by which the transcript expense may be paid, waived, deferred, or otherwise addressed.

I expressly elect to continue representing myself in this appeal and am not requesting appointment of counsel. My request is limited to assistance with obtaining payment authorization for the necessary transcript pursuant to Rule 602(g)(3) and (g)(6), SCACR, and any administrative procedures required for processing the court reporter's bill.

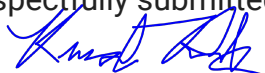
I also respectfully request that, if your office does not have authority to provide this assistance, you advise me of the proper procedure and/or office to which I should direct this request.

I am willing to provide documentation of my indigency, incarceration, the transcript estimate, my pending appeal, and any other information necessary for consideration of this request.

Because my appeal is currently pending and the transcript is necessary for me to properly prepare and pursue my appeal, I respectfully ask that this matter be reviewed as soon as practicable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Keyshon Poinsette Jr.

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