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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM KERSHAW COUNTY
The Honorable Christopher Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

George Moses, III,
Appellant,

v.

Fort Clark Baptist Church,
Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-001736

MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO ORDER TRANSCRIPT OUT OF TIME
PURSUANT TO RULES 207 AND 263, SCACR

Appellant George Moses, III, appearing pro se, respectfully moves this Court for permission to order out of time the transcript of the June 2, 2026 Circuit Court hearing before the Honorable Christopher Taylor.

Appellant acknowledges that Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR, required him to make satisfactory written arrangements with the court reporter for preparation of the transcript within ten days after service of the Notice of Appeal, including arrangements regarding payment. Appellant did not complete the transcript-ordering requirements within that period.

Appellant provides the following chronology not to dispute his responsibility to comply with Rule 207, but to accurately explain the circumstances that resulted in the transcript not being timely ordered and to document his efforts to obtain the June 2 proceeding.

Before filing the present appeal, and immediately following the Circuit Court proceedings and ruling from which this appeal arises, Appellant began seeking access to the record of the June 2 hearing so that he could review the proceeding in connection with his appeal.

On July 20, 2026, Appellant contacted the Circuit Court seeking what he then referred to as a “transcript” of the June 2 hearing and asked about its availability and cost. Appellant specifically asked whether the fee was still $5.00 because, based upon his prior experience appealing from Magistrate Court, he understood the record he was seeking to be similar to the audio recording he had previously obtained from Magistrate Court.

On July 20, 2026, Appellant was directed to the South Carolina Judicial Branch website for information concerning transcripts. After reviewing that information and speaking with the Clerk's Office by telephone, Appellant understood that a "transcript" referred to a typed record of the proceeding rather than the audio recording he had initially intended to request.

Accordingly, on July 23, 2026, Appellant sent additional written correspondence explaining that he had used the wrong terminology and that he had initially been seeking an audio recording similar to the recording he had previously obtained from Magistrate Court so that he could listen to the June 2 proceeding. On July 24, 2026, Appellant was advised that the Circuit Court had a transcript of the proceeding and was again directed to the transcript information provided by the South Carolina Judicial Branch.

Copies of this July 20–24, 2026 correspondence are submitted with this motion as supporting documentation.

On July 27, 2026, Appellant received correspondence from the Court of Appeals advising him that his status as a self-represented litigant did not relieve him of his responsibility to perfect his appeal in accordance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. The correspondence directed Appellant to review the SCACR and specifically identified Rule 203 concerning the Notice of Appeal, Rule 241 concerning emergency motions, and Appendix C concerning appellate forms. It also identified the materials required to accompany the Notice of Appeal, including proof of service, the order or judgment challenged, and the applicable filing fee.

Appellant proceeded with the appeal and continued taking the procedural steps he understood to be required. He filed the Notice of Appeal, documented service upon Respondent, provided the order from which the appeal was taken, and addressed the appellate filing fee through the procedure available to him. When Appellant's request to proceed without payment of the filing fee was denied and this Court directed that the $250 filing fee be paid within the time specified by its order, Appellant timely paid that fee. Appellant thereafter continued prosecuting the appeal and filed his Appellant's Brief.

Although Appellant had independently begun seeking the June 2 proceeding in connection with his appeal, Appellant did not understand that service of the Notice of Appeal triggered a separate requirement under Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR, requiring satisfactory written arrangements with the court reporter, including payment arrangements, within ten days. Consequently, Appellant did not complete the formal transcript-ordering process within the period prescribed by Rule 207.

On September 16, 2026, Appellant received correspondence from this Court advising him that the time for ordering the transcript had expired. The Court directed Appellant, if the transcript had not been timely ordered, to file and serve a motion requesting permission to order the transcript late and to provide a copy of his correspondence requesting the transcript from the court reporter.

Upon receiving that correspondence, Appellant took additional steps to comply with the Court's directive and formally pursue the transcript.

On September 23, 2026, Appellant telephoned seeking to communicate with the individual responsible for handling his transcript request. During that telephone communication, Appellant understood that the individual he needed to speak with was named Jennifer. Appellant was advised, however, that Jennifer was unavailable at that time.

Because Appellant works as a school teacher and telephone communication during normal business hours can be difficult, Appellant asked whether he could be provided with Jennifer's email address so that he could communicate regarding the transcript in writing. Appellant was advised that her direct email address could not be provided and was instructed instead to direct his correspondence to transcripts@sccourts.org.

Appellant followed that instruction.

On September 23, 2026, Appellant sent written correspondence to transcripts@sccourts.org concerning the June 2, 2026 hearing. Appellant requested the information necessary to formally order the transcript and establish the required payment arrangements, including information concerning the estimated cost, any required payment or deposit, and the documentation necessary to establish that satisfactory transcript arrangements had been made.

Appellant further explained that funds necessary for the transcript payment or deposit would be available to him on September 30, 2026.

After receiving no response to that correspondence, Appellant followed up in writing on September 25, 2026. Appellant explained that he was operating under the deadline established by this Court's September 16 correspondence and again requested instructions concerning the formal transcript request, estimated cost, payment arrangements, and documentation necessary to establish the transcript order.

Copies of Appellant's September correspondence concerning the transcript are submitted with this motion as supporting documentation.

Thus, Appellant has made and documented a written request concerning the June 2 transcript and has continued attempting to establish the arrangements required for its preparation. As of the filing of this motion, Appellant is awaiting a response concerning the estimated transcript cost and the specific payment arrangements necessary to place the transcript into production. Upon receiving that information, Appellant intends to promptly complete the required arrangements.

Appellant submits this motion within the period provided by this Court's September 16, 2026 correspondence. Appellant respectfully requests that the Court treat this motion as timely filed notwithstanding that the required $50 motion filing fee does not accompany the electronic filing.

Appellant is not requesting waiver of that fee. Appellant will submit the required $50 motion filing fee on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR, governs the written arrangements required for preparation of a transcript in an appeal from the Court of Common Pleas and requires satisfactory written arrangements with the court reporter, including arrangements regarding payment.

Rule 263(b), SCACR, authorizes the appellate court to extend the time prescribed by the appellate rules for performing an act, except for the time for serving a Notice of Appeal under Rules 203 and 243.

Appellant's conduct reflects a continuing effort to prosecute this appeal, obtain the record of the June 2 proceeding, and comply with this Court's September 16 directive. Appellant's failure to timely complete the Rule 207 requirements resulted from his misunderstanding of the separate appellate transcript-ordering requirement, rather than an abandonment of the appeal or an absence of effort to obtain the proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant him permission to order out of time the transcript of the June 2, 2026 Circuit Court hearing pursuant to Rules 207 and 263, SCACR; permit Appellant to complete the necessary transcript and payment arrangements upon receipt of the required information from the appropriate transcript office; treat this motion as filed as of September 28, 2026, with Appellant to submit the required $50 motion filing fee on September 30, 2026; and grant such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ George Moses, III
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 28, 2026, I served a copy of the foregoing Motion for Permission to Order Transcript Out of Time Pursuant to Rules 207 and 263, SCACR, together with the supporting documents, upon counsel for Respondent Fort Clark Baptist Church by depositing the same in the United States Mail, with sufficient first-class postage, addressed as follows:

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s/ George Moses, III
George Moses, III
Appellant, Pro Se

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me Jul 20

to Cheryl

From	George Moses georgemoses3rd@gmail.com
To	Cheryl Truesdale cheryl.truesdale@kershaw.sc.gov
Date	Jul 20, 2026 at 9:25 AM

Good morning,

I hope you are doing well.

I would like to request a transcript of the hearing held on June 2, 2026, before Judge Christopher Taylor in my case.

I have just two questions:

1. Approximately how soon will the transcript be available?
2. Is the transcript fee still $5.00, or has the price changed?

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Respectfully,

George Moses III

Cheryl Truesdale Jul 20

to me

Instructions for a transcript are at sccourts.org.
We do not have anything to do with those.

Yours Sincerely,

Cheryl Truesdale

Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court
for Kershaw County
PO Box 1557
Camden, SC 29020
(803)425-7223 ext 5366
(803)425-1505 fax

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me Jul 23

to Cheryl

Good afternoon, Ms. Truesdale,

Thank you for your response.

My apologies. I realized that I used the wrong terminology in my original email.

After reviewing the information on the South Carolina Courts website and speaking with the Clerk's Office by phone today, I understand that a transcript refers to a typed record of the proceedings. That is not what I intended to request.

Instead, I am requesting a copy of the audio recording of the June 2, 2026 hearing (similar to the disc I previously obtained from Magistrate Court) so that I may listen to the proceedings.

I was advised to direct this request to your office. If an audio recording is available, would you please let me know the procedure and any applicable fee for obtaining a copy?

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Respectfully,

George Moses III

Cheryl Truesdale Jul 24

to me

Mr. Moses,
I understood your question, but the only thing the Circuit Court has is a transcript of the proceeding. Instructions on how to obtain it are available at sccourts.org.

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TIME-SENSITIVE: Clarification of $50 Motion Filing Fee Timing – September 28 Deadline – Appellate Case No. 2026-001736

G me Sep 25
to Court

From George Moses georgemoses3rd@gmail.com

To Court Of Appeals Filings
ctappfilings@sccourts.org

Date Sep 25, 2026 at 2:58 PM

Good afternoon,

I am following up regarding two procedural matters related to the Court's September 16 correspondence in Appellate Case No. 2026-001736.

On Wednesday, September 23, I spoke by telephone with Ms. Khee'Asia Evans-Pryor regarding my upcoming motion requesting permission to order the transcript late. During that conversation, I explained that I will not have the funds available for the $50 motion filing fee until I am paid on September 30.

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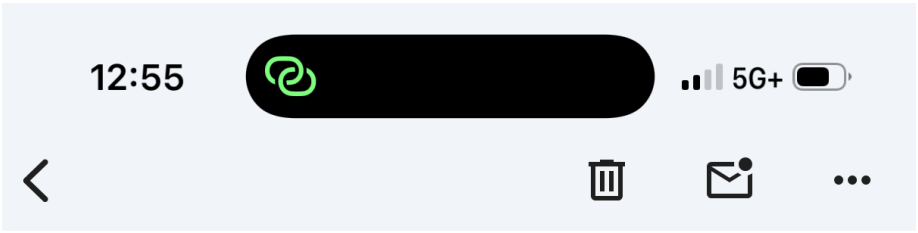


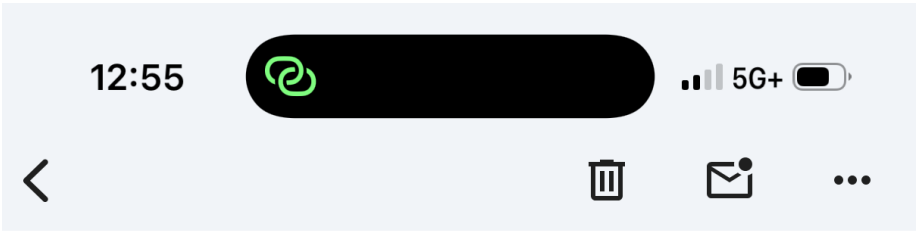
Ms. Evans-Pryor explained how I should proceed so that I can timely file my motion while submitting the required $50 payment after I am paid. Unfortunately, I did not write down that portion of our conversation while we were speaking, and I do not want to rely on my recollection and incorrectly follow the procedure.

I subsequently emailed Ms. Evans-Pryor requesting clarification, and she forwarded my inquiry to the appropriate email address. Because I have not yet received a response and my deadline for filing the motion is Monday, September 28, I am following up directly.

My understanding from our telephone conversation was that I should still file my motion by the applicable deadline and that I could then mail the $50 payment after I am paid on September 30. However, I do not remember the specific procedure Ms. Evans-Pryor explained regarding the timing of that payment.

Could you please clarify what I need to do when filing the motion to document that the $50 filing fee will be mailed on September 30? I am not requesting that the filing fee be waived. I fully intend to pay the $50 fee; I simply want to ensure that I properly file my motion by the September 28 deadline while following the correct procedure for submitting the payment on September 30.

I also want to provide an update regarding my efforts to request the transcript. On September



I also want to provide an update regarding my efforts to request the transcript. On September 23, I called regarding the transcript and asked to speak with the court reporter. I was advised that the person handling the matter was Jennifer, but she was unavailable at the time. I was advised that her direct email address could not be provided and was instead given the general transcript email address.

I sent an email to that address requesting information concerning the transcript and the arrangements necessary to order it, but I have not yet received a response. I will follow up with the transcript office again on Friday, September 25, regarding my request and the necessary arrangements.

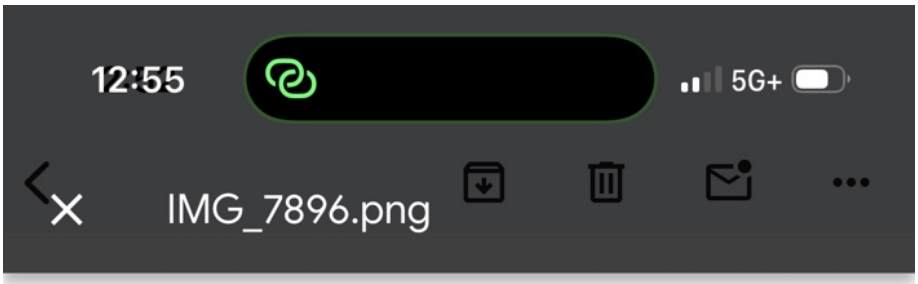
I want to make sure that I am taking the appropriate steps to comply with the Court's September 16 correspondence before the September 28 deadline, both with respect to my written transcript request and the filing of my motion.

For reference, I have attached the prior correspondence showing that my filing-fee question was forwarded to the appropriate office.

Thank you for your assistance and clarification.

Respectfully,

George Moses III
Appellant, Pro Se



From: George Moses <georgemoses3rd@gmail.com>
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To: Evans-Pryor, Khee'Asia <kpryor@sccourts.org>
Subject: Follow-Up Regarding $50 Motion Filing Fee – Appellate Case No. 2026-001736

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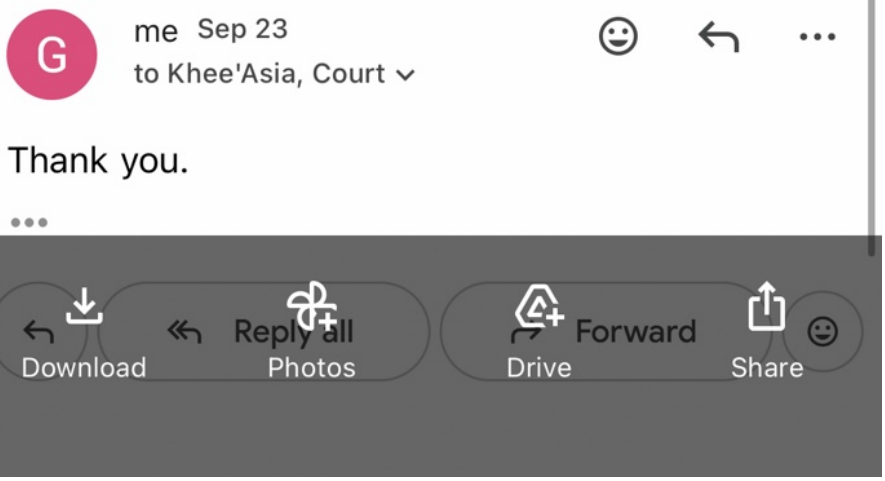
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Respectfully,

Khee'Asia Evans-Pryor

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