

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

LaParis Flowers, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001082

ORDER

This matter is before the court on a petition for a writ of certiorari. Based on the vote of the panel, the petition is denied as to Question 1, insofar as it concerns the issue of vouching; Question 2, as it relates to the trial court's use of "truth-seeking" language; and Questions 3, 4, and 5. The petition is granted as to Question 1 as it relates to the State's comments during closing argument, and Question 2 relating to the State's use of "truth-seeking" language. The parties shall proceed to serve and file the appendix and briefs as provided by Rule 243(j), SCACR.

FOR THE COURT

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Columbia, South Carolina
September 30, 2026

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The Honorable Robert J. Bonds