

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Thomas J. Rode

Case No. 2025-CP-10-07109
Appellate Case No.: 2026-001551

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MARIE MIDDLETON..... Appellant

v.

MARISA WRIGHT..... Respondent

**RESPONDENT'S DESIGNATION OF MATTERS
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON APPEAL**

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The undersigned attorney for Respondent Marisa Wright hereby designates the following matters to be included in the Record on Appeal:

1. Complaint and Motion for Restraining Order filed by Respondent on September 25, 2025;
2. Transcribed audio recording of trial before The Honorable Laura C. Waring, John's Island Magistrate on December 11, 2025;
3. Restraining Order issued by the Magistrate Court on December 11, 2025;
4. Notice of appeal filed by Appellant with the Circuit Court on December 29, 2026;
5. Magistrate's Return filed on January 23, 2026;
6. Respondent's Brief in Opposition of Appeal filed on June 4, 2026;
7. Transcript of the appeal hearing in Circuit Court before The Honorable Thomas J. Rode on June 11, 2026; and
8. Order Denying Appeal issued by The Honorable Thomas J. Rode on July 1, 2026.

I certify that this Designation of Matters contains no matter which is irrelevant to this appeal.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter was served on the below-listed Appellant via electronic mail or first class mail on October 8, 2026. A copy of the service email is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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**EXHIBIT A**

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Thu, Oct 8, 2026 at 1:23 PM

To: Marie Middleton <mariemiddleton31@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon,

Attached for service, please find a copy of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter, along with correspondence to the Clerk of Court. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

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