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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Charleston County

Honorable Thomas William McGee, III, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JAVAR MITCHELL,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-001237

Motion to Unseal Exhibits

Counsel for Appellant respectfully moves this Court to unseal Court's Exhibit #1 and Defense Exhibit #1 solely for review by counsel for the Appellant and a representative from the Attorney General's Office. Court's Exhibit #1 is a Form 5 document and Defense Exhibit #1 is a psychological evaluation of Appellant. Both sealed exhibits were introduced at the sentencing hearing on May 26, 2026. Counsel for Appellant needs to determine if the sealed documents are relevant to an issue on appeal and will need to be designated as part of the record on appeal. In support of this motion counsel would show:

1. Juvenile petitions were filed in Family Court on November 1, 2021.
2. On November 19, 2021, the State filed a petition to transfer the case to General Sessions Court.

3. On August 14-15, 2023, a transfer hearing was held in Family Court and the case was transferred to General Sessions Court.
4. On July 7-10, 2025, a jury trial was held in General Sessions Court.
5. On August 22, 2025, a hearing on a motion for new trial was held. The motion was denied on September 15, 2025.
6. The sentencing hearing was held on May 26, 2026.
7. Counsel contacted Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Melody J. Brown about this matter, and she has no objection to the motion to unseal.

Based on the above, counsel for Appellant respectfully asks this Court to order that Court's Exhibit #1 and Defense Exhibit #1 be unsealed and provided to counsel.

Respectfully submitted,



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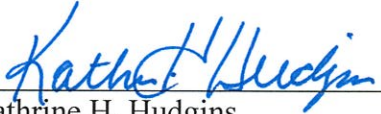
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion to Unseal Documents in the above-referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 14th day of October, 2026.


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Ms. Brown,

Please find attached for service a Motion to Unseal Exhibits in Javar Mitchell's appeal which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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