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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Dorchester County
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Maite Murphy, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

ANTHONY NICHOLAS ARGOE,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2023-000223

**MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL
BASED ON DEATH OF THE APPELLANT**

Respondent respectfully moves to dismiss the above captioned direct appeal due to the death of the appellant. In support of its motion, Respondent would respectfully show the court:

1. On February 9, 2023, the Honorable Diane Goodstein, imposed a life sentence following Appellant's conviction for murder. On February 13, 2023, Appellant served and filed a notice of intent to appeal. Briefing followed and this Court has noticed that argument could be held next month.

2. According to information provided by the South Carolina Department of Corrections, Appellant died on September 8, 2026. (Attachments 1 and 2). However, to date, a certificate has not been made available.

3. An appellant's death during the pendency of his appeal from a criminal conviction "abates that appeal and constitutes grounds for its dismissal." *State v. Anderson*, 281 S.C. 198,

199, 314 S.E.2d 597, 597 (1984). The abatement addresses only the appeal; thus, the conviction remains in place. *State v. Bixby*, 397 S.C. 154, 723 S.E.2d 841 (2011).

4. Respondent has consulted with counsel for Appellant, Molly Keegan, Esquire, via email communication, and is informed by response email that, based on Mr. Argoe's passing, she does not object to the State's motion to dismiss.

THEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests that the appeal be dismissed due to Appellant's death.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the Motion to Dismiss Appeal Based on Death of the Appellant, along with Certificate of Service has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Molly Keegan, Esquire via email today, October 15, 2026, to mkeegan@sccid.sc.gov and to her assistant at cstock@sccid.sc.gov.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 15th day of October 2026.

s/ Angela Brown

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South Carolina Department of Corrections

Sept. 8, 2026

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Anthony Nicholas Argoe, an inmate at Broad River Correctional Institution, died at the institution Saturday.

Argoe, 64, was found unresponsive in his cell. He did not have a cellmate. His death is being investigated as a suspected suicide.

An autopsy will be performed. His death is being investigated by the S.C. Law Enforcement Division, Richland County Coroner and the SCDC Inspector General's office.

Internal Inmate Search
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Identification	Personal	Case History	Movement	Escapes	Credits	Programs	Transfer Requests
Movement							
Movement Date	To Location	Reason	Status				
09/05/2026	UNK	DEATH	RELEASE				
09/04/2026	BROAD RIVER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
09/02/2026	PRISMA HEALTH RICHLAND	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
08/20/2026	BROAD RIVER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
08/20/2026	PRISMA HEALTH RICHLAND	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
08/01/2026	BROAD RIVER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
07/30/2026	PRISMA HEALTH RICHLAND	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
07/27/2026	BROAD RIVER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
07/27/2026	LEE	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
07/27/2026	DORCHESTER CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
07/14/2026	LEE	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
07/08/2026	MCLEOD HEALTH FLORENCE	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
04/01/2026	LEE	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
01/30/2026	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
01/30/2026	CHARLESTON CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
12/31/2025	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
12/31/2025	CHARLESTON CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
12/15/2025	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
12/15/2025	CHARLESTON CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
12/09/2025	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
12/09/2025	CHARLESTON CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
11/10/2025	LIEBER	PRE-RELEASE	PRE-RELEASE				
11/10/2025	CHARLESTON CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
11/06/2025	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
11/01/2025	TRIDENT MEDICAL CENTER	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
05/30/2025	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
05/30/2025	CHARLESTON CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
05/15/2025	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
05/15/2025	CHARLESTON CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
03/24/2025	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
03/24/2025	CHARLESTON CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
02/14/2025	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
02/14/2025	CHARLESTON CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				
01/09/2025	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED				
01/09/2025	CHARLESTON CO	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)				

Movement Date	To Location	Reason	Status
01/07/2025	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED
01/06/2025	TRIDENT MEDICAL CENTER	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)
07/10/2023	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED
07/10/2023	PRISMA HEALTH RICHLAND	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)
04/03/2023	LIEBER	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED
03/29/2023	KIRKLAND	ADMINISTRATIVE	INCARCERATED
03/29/2023	PRISMA HEALTH RICHLAND	MEDICAL	AUTH ABSENCE (AWL)
02/15/2023	KIRKLAND	NEW ADMISSION	INCARCERATED

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Ms. Keegan, please find attached the State's Motion to Dismiss Appeal Based on Death of Appellant in regard to the above referenced appeal. The motion will be electronically filed with the Court of Appeals on today's date.

Sincerely,

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