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**SC Court of Appeals**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Spartanburg County

Honorable Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JUAN C. TOBON,

APPELLANT

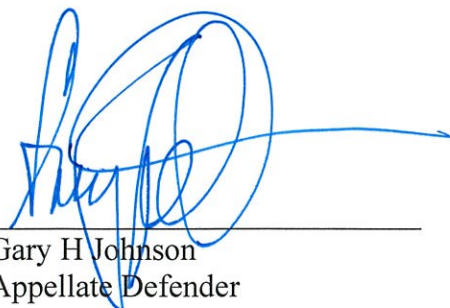
APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-000080

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter 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 16th day of October, 2026.



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Gary H Johnson  
Appellate Defender

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Dear Ms. Brown,

Attached please find a copy of the Initial Brief of Appellant in the above referenced case that is being filed today with the Court of Appeals.

-Scott Leverett  
Admin. Asst. for Gary H. Johnson  
Appellate Defense