

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Evan Rayfield, *Appellant*,

v.

Kevin Hurd and Kevin Barbato, *Respondents*,

APPELLATE CASE NO.: 2026-001855

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APPELLANT'S NOTICE OF RESPONDENTS' UNLAWFUL COERCION AND ATTEMPTED
FORCED DISMISSAL OF APPEAL

TO: THE CLERK OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS AND RESPONDENTS
KEVIN HURD AND KEVIN BARBATO:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Appellant Evan Rayfield hereby formally notifies this Honorable Court of ongoing, extrajudicial attempts by Respondents Kevin Hurd and Kevin Barbato to illegally coerce the withdrawal and dismissal of the above-captioned, fully reinstated appeal.

1. **Reinstatement Status:** This appeal was formally reinstated by Order of this Court on October 12, 2026.
2. **Extortion & Coercive Interference:** Following reinstatement, Respondents unlawfully seized control of Appellant's personal property, commercial inventory, and professional tools valued at \$27,855.00.
3. **Written Confession of Blackmail:** Respondents explicitly communicated in writing that Appellant's personal property would only be returned upon the condition that Appellant drop and dismiss this active appeal before the South Carolina Court of Appeals. (See Text Message Confession, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**).
4. **Threatened Destruction of Property:** On October 16, 2026, Respondent Kevin Hurd issued a written notice stating that Appellant's personal property is "forfeited" and will be "disposed of" due to Appellant's refusal to abandon this appeal. (See Email Correspondence, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**).
5. **Preservation of Appellate Rights:** Appellant files this Notice to inform the Court that Appellant has not waived, abandoned, or settled this appeal, and that any assertion by Respondents that this appeal has been resolved or withdrawn is false, fraudulent, and the product of unlawful coercion under S.C. Code § 16-17-640.
6. **Concurrent Circuit Court Actions:** Appellant is pursuing parallel emergency relief for Order of Seizure (S.C. Code § 15-69-100) in the Spartanburg County Court of Common Pleas and criminal enforcement through the 7th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rayfield, *Appellant Pro Se*

(864) 416-1641

Date: October 17, 2026

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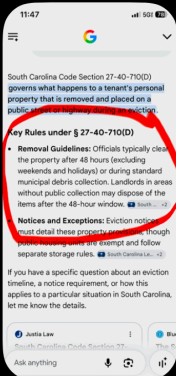
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Kevin Of EV

I keep trying to save you
from yourself or from
causing yourself more
harm. This is
because I
still care.
Or trying to. You're
making it very hard.

Delivered



All he had to do was
literally drop everything
and all of his stuff would
be in his possession
right now, but
technically he didn't
drop anything

Kevin Of EV has notifications silenced



iMessage



Evan Rayfield has been evicted. The 48 hrs to retrieve items has passed. Any items remaining are forfeited and will be disposed of. Since you are not agreeing to a scheduled pickup time; Anyone coming onto the property at 100 Frazier st. is trespassing. Charges will be pressed against any trespassers.

On Oct 16, 2026, at 1:13 PM, Evan Rayfield <vwbeetle86@gmail.com> wrote:

Kevin,

This email serves as formal written rebuttal to your misstatements of law and fact sent on October 16, 2026. Your self-serving attempt to restrict access to an arbitrary window on Sunday, October 18, is rejected. You do not hold the legal authority to dictate unilateral conditions, limit retrieval trips, or prohibit access to my personal property and fixtures.

1. Rebuttal of Factual and Legal Claims

- **Trespassing Claims Disproved:** My delay in retrieving property was caused entirely by your illegal threats of law enforcement action and trespassing claims whenever I attempted to load my belongings. As established directly by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office on site last night, those threats were unlawful, and I have full legal authority to access the parcel during daylight hours to recover 100% of my property

- **Misapplication of S.C. Code § [27-40-710\(D\)](#):** The statutory 48-hour rule applies exclusively to municipal trash collection for items placed on a public curb by a Sheriff during writ execution. It does not transfer title of private property to a landlord, nor does it allow you to convert, lock up, or withhold \$27,000+ in private assets.
- **Selective Lockout & Extortion:** Your written confirmation that other tenants were permitted full access while I was barred validates William Stegall's sworn affidavit and confirms that my property was illegally held hostage as leverage to force the withdrawal of **SC Court of Appeals Case No. [2026-001855](#)**.

2. Notice of Immediate Access TODAY (Friday, October 16, 2026)

Pursuant to the protocol established with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, I am arriving at [100 Frazier Street](#) today during daylight hours with transport assistance to execute the following immediate retrievals and commercial transactions:

1. **Sold E-Commerce Inventory:** Immediate retrieval of pre-sold commercial items staged for shipping today (autographed *Kansas* electric guitar, 1960s Turquoise

GE Telechron wall clock, vintage glass kerosene lamp, Anchor Hocking glass ashtray, and related Facebook Marketplace sales).

2. **On-Site Washer & Dryer Sale:** Access for a private buyer arriving today to inspect, pay cash directly to me, and haul away my 1986 Kenmore 80 Series washer and dryer set.
3. **Storage Building Inspection:** Access for a prospective buyer arriving today/tomorrow to inspect the 10x14 custom storage building.
4. **Tenant-Owned Dwellings & Fixtures:** Access to the interior of the dwelling to retrieve my specific personal property, for which I maintain original purchase receipts:
 - **1976 KitchenAid KDI 18 Dishwasher:** You must either grant immediate interior access to disconnect and load this unit or place it directly on the front porch for loading.
 - **Ceiling Light Fixtures:** Removal of all eight (8) mid-century modern ceiling light fixtures installed by me.

- **Master Bathroom Towel Bars:** Removal of the two (2) vintage 1950s/1960s towel bars purchased and installed by me.

3. Ongoing Schedule & Preservation of Legal Claims

- **Schedule:** Starting tomorrow, Saturday, October 17, 2026, and continuing daily during daylight hours, I will utilize U-Haul trucks, trailers, and loading crews to clear all remaining items, furniture, tools, records, and outbuildings. I will not be constrained by your arbitrary 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Sunday demand.
- **Property Inspection & Damages:** Every item left exposed to weather, rain, or humidity under carports or in yards will undergo a strict condition inspection. Any warping, moisture damage, velvet lining destruction, or degradation of vintage electronics/heirlooms will be added directly to a forthcoming civil action for actual, statutory, and punitive damages in the Spartanburg County Court of Common Pleas.
- **Missing or Converted Property:** Any items found to be missing, moved off-site, concealed, or stolen will be reported immediately to the 7th Circuit Solicitor's Office and Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office for prosecution under **Theft by Conversion** and **Grand Larceny (S.C. Code § 16-13-30)**.

****Any attempt to obstruct my entry today, block buyers, harass transport assistants, or impede loading will result in an immediate 911 dispatch for a Sheriff's civil standby on site, with all actions documented for court submission.****

Evan Rayfield

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 16, 2026, at 9:26 AM, kevin hurd <kevingreenville@icloud.com> wrote:

Evan Rayfield may arrive on Sunday to the property at 100 Frazier st. to retrieve items that are outside. This only applies to the outdoor items, Rayfield and any person in his party may **not enter the fenced yard or any buildings or dwellings**. This item retrieval can happen on Sunday 10/18 between 10 A.M. and 6 P.M., the time decided must be announced to the landlord. There will be **only one trip granted** and a U-Haul or similar is recommended to pick up any items. After this time any remaining items will be disposed of.

This access is granted even though it is **well after the 48 hrs.** legally allowed after the eviction set-out on 10/6. Items were fully accessible for tenants to retrieve, as evidenced by two of the former tenants retrieving their items without any issue. It seems Mr. Rayfield did not take this opportunity to collect his items as he mistakenly thought he would be granted access to return to his former residence. His decision was to his own detriment. Pursuant to the law, the landlord makes **no guarantee on presence or condition of any item** that was left by the tenant. Care was taken in the removal and placement of these items that the landlord and his party were forced to place outside the residence, but it has now been well over a week since their removal.

In regard to the storage shed. The landlord will **allow 15 days for its removal**. In the interest of equitability, this 15-day period will be restarted on 10/16, the date of this notice. To maintain safety and mitigate any damages, the shed can only be accessed and removed by a **licensed, insured shed-moving company**. The shed cannot be exhibited or sold to potential buyers by the former tenants at its current location. Any sale must be made with the building taken off-site. In the event that any liens or contracts are owed to a company for the shed, the landlord **cannot guarantee the shed will not be repossessed** by said company.

Kevin Hurd

100 Frazier st. Woodruff, SC 29388

10/16/2026