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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from York County

Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III, Circuit Court Judge

ADAM SHOOP,

PETITIONER,

V.

THE STATE

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-000823

MOTION TO HOLD APPEAL IN ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF TRANSCRIPT

Pursuant to Rule 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, undersigned counsel respectfully moves this Court for an order holding the timelines for the above-captioned case in abeyance pending receipt of the transcript from the December 8, 2023 motions hearing before the Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case were due for filing on Friday, October 16, 2026; however, due to a clerical oversight, this motion was not timely filed. There have been no extensions requested in this case. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. Petitioner was indicted by the York County grand jury for the offenses of two counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor (2018-GS-46-03442 and 2018-GS-46-03443),

Distributing Controlled Substances to a Minor (2018-GS-46-03445), and two counts of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature (2019-GS-46-05033 and 2019-GS-46-05034).

2. On August 5, 2019, Petitioner's case was called to trial before the Honorable William McKinnon and a jury. Geoffry Mark Dunn represented Petitioner; assistant solicitors Erin M. Joyner and Corissa Golla prosecuted the case.

3. On August 6, 2019, after jury selection and pre-trial motions, Petitioner pled guilty to all charges pursuant to *North Carolina v. Alford*, 400 U.S. 25 (1970). Judge McKinnon sentenced Petitioner to seventeen (17) years' incarceration as to each ABHAN charge, ten (10) years for the controlled substances charge, and three (3) years for each contributing to the delinquency of a minor charge, all to run concurrently. Petitioner filed a timely application for post-conviction relief on April 14, 2020. On March 18, 2026, the application was denied by written order.

4. This case is now on appeal before this Court.

5. Upon reviewing the filings available on the public index, undersigned counsel learned that a motions hearing occurred before the Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie on December 8, 2023. Post-conviction relief counsel had not previously informed the Office of Appellant Defense of this hearing.

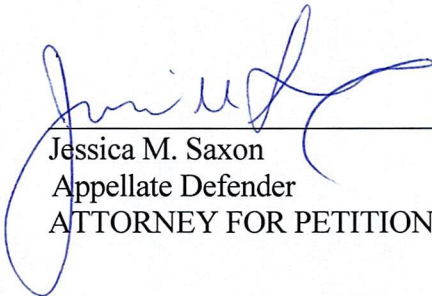
6. Upon discovery, undersigned counsel acted immediately to order the operative transcript. A copy of the transcript order is attached to this motion as Exhibit A.

7. Counsel discovered the fact of this hearing early and endeavored to prepare this motion before taking any extensions in appellant's case.

8. Undersigned counsel has informed opposing counsel, Zachary W. Jones, of the need to place the appeal in abeyance. Opposing counsel has no objection to this motion to hold the appeal in abeyance pending receipts of the transcript.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel respectfully requests that this Court hold the above-captioned case in abeyance pending receipts of the outstanding transcript. Counsel also requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix be held in abeyance pending disposition of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 23rd day of October, 2026.