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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Richard Bowman, Appellant,

v.

Cosima MacLean, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-001128

APPELLANT'S NOTICE OF PARTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH OCTOBER 16, 2026 ORDER AND MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME AND GUIDANCE REGARDING APRIL 1, 2026 TRANSCRIPT

Appellant Richard Bowman, appearing pro se, respectfully submits this notice and motion in response to the Court's October 16, 2026 order. The Court denied Respondent's motion to dismiss and directed Appellant, within ten days, to provide proof of ordering the February 4, 2026 transcript and proof of satisfactory written arrangements, including agreement regarding payment, for the February 4 and April 1, 2026 transcripts. Appellant files on October 26, 2026, the tenth calendar day after the order.

I. February 4, 2026 transcript

1. On October 19, 2026, Appellant submitted an order for the entire February 4 hearing through the South Carolina Judicial Branch Transcript Portal, Request No. **1784003095**. The portal acknowledged the request and assigned Pamela E. Green.

2. Ms. Green provided a written estimate of approximately 32 pages at $4.25 per page, totaling approximately $136, for regular preparation. On October 20, 2026, Appellant sent $136 by Zelle and forwarded payment documentation. The payment confirmation indicated the funds would become available to the recipient on October 23. Appellant subsequently requested written acknowledgment of receipt and confirmation that the transcript order was active. **Appellant does not represent that receipt by Ms. Green has been independently confirmed unless a written acknowledgment is separately furnished.**

II. April 1, 2026 transcript

3. Former counsel Darrell T. Johnson, Jr., submitted an April 1 transcript request on May 15, 2026, and updated it on May 22, 2026, under Request No. **1835370331**. Appellant has not received the transcript and has been unable to verify whether payment was made, whether the transcript was completed, or to whom it was assigned for transcription.

4. Appellant made repeated written inquiries to the Transcript Department, including an inquiry on October 19 and further urgent follow-ups requesting payment instructions, the identity of the transcriptionist, and confirmation of the earlier order. The precise number of inquiries can be established from the underlying sent messages; Appellant does not ask the Court to rely on an unverified count.

5. On October 20, 2026, to ensure the transcript was ordered notwithstanding the unresolved May request, Appellant submitted a second request for the entire April 1 hearing through the Transcript Portal, Request No. **2010527150**. Appellant sought to avoid duplicate billing and to have any prior payment applied to the transcript.

6. The portal identified **Maria-Emanuel Klein, DCRP** as the reporter associated with the April 1 hearing. When Appellant contacted Ms. Klein directly, she replied that she was **not a certified transcriptionist**. Appellant then asked the Transcript Department to identify the authorized transcriptionist, locate the official recording, verify the status of the May request, and supply payment instructions. Appellant remains willing and able to make any required payment promptly.

III. Request for relief and guidance

7. Appellant has acted diligently to comply with the October 16 order. The remaining April 1 difficulty concerns identification of the person who can prepare the official transcript and confirmation of any prior or presently required payment arrangements. Appellant cannot truthfully certify that satisfactory written payment arrangements for April 1 have been completed.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that the Court: (a) accept the attached proof of the February 4 order, payment sent, and April 1 re-order as evidence of diligent partial compliance; (b) grant an additional **fourteen (14) days**, or another period the Court deems appropriate, to secure written payment arrangements for the April 1 transcript; (c) provide guidance or direct the appropriate court administrative office to identify the authorized transcriptionist and advise how Appellant can obtain the April 1 transcript without duplicate payment; (d) permit Appellant to supplement his proof promptly upon receiving written confirmation; and (e) decline to dismiss the appeal for the outstanding transcript issue while this timely request is considered.

Appellant does not seek to excuse the transcript requirement. He seeks a practicable means to satisfy it and preserve appellate review.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date written below, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Partial Compliance and Motion for Additional Time and Guidance Regarding Transcripts, together with the exhibits actually attached, upon counsel for Respondent by depositing the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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This certificate applies to United States Postal Service mailing only; no service by email is represented in this certificate.

Date deposited in United States Mail: October 26, 2026

Richard Bowman, Appellant, Pro Se

Sign and date only after the copies have actually been deposited in the U.S. Mail.

EXHIBIT INDEX - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

The following available screenshots are reproduced as exhibits. The original full emails and portal acknowledgments should also be preserved and, if available, attached in their complete form. The screenshots may not display full email headers or all pages.

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April 1 transcript portal confirmation; new request 2010527150

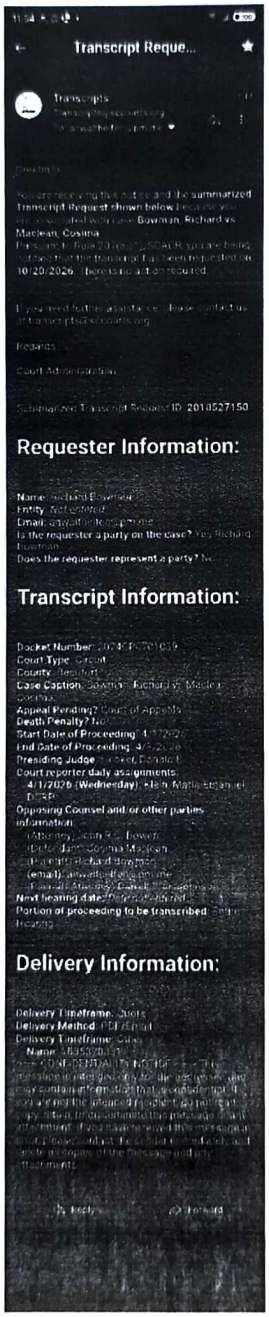
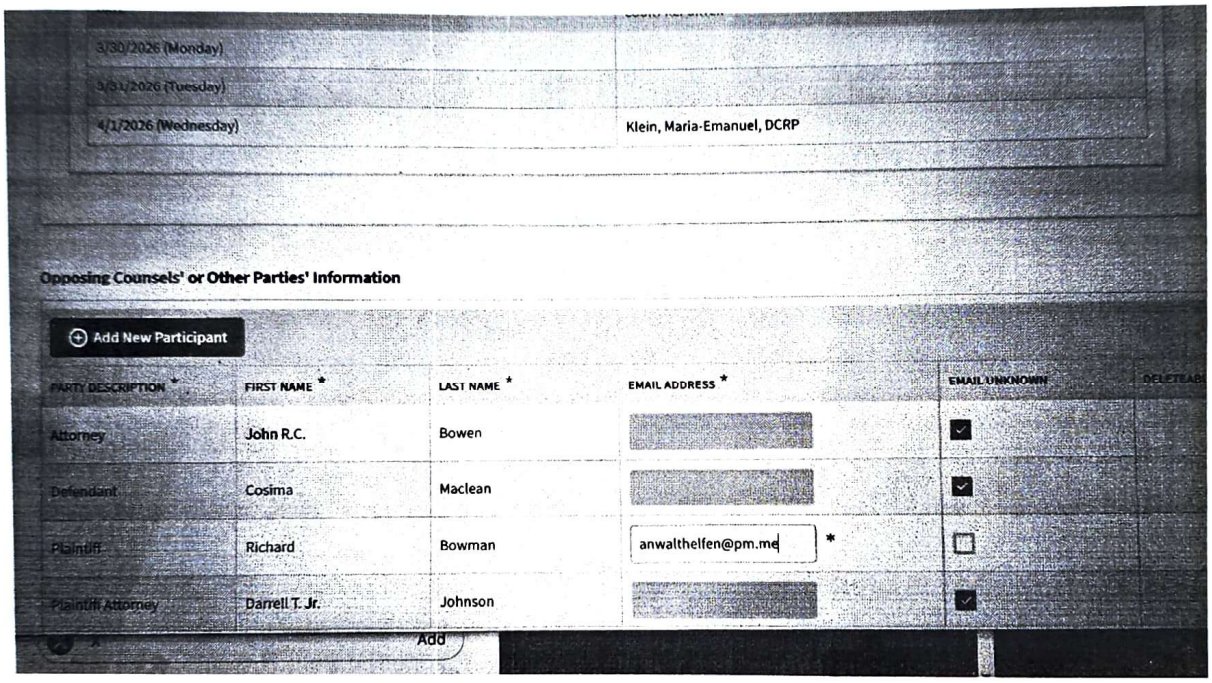


EXHIBIT B

April 1 portal record showing reporter and hearing information



3/30/2026 (Monday)	
3/31/2026 (Tuesday)	
4/1/2026 (Wednesday)	Klein, Maria-Emanuel, DCRP

Opposing Counsels' or Other Parties' Information

Add New Participant

PARTY DESCRIPTION *	FIRST NAME *	LAST NAME *	EMAIL ADDRESS *	EMAIL UNKNOWN	DELETE
Attorney	John R.C.	Bowen	[redacted]	☑	
Defendant	Cosima	Maclean	[redacted]	☑	
Plaintiff	Richard	Bowman	anwalthelfen@pm.me *	☐	
Plaintiff Attorney	Darrell T. Jr.	Johnson	[redacted]	☑	

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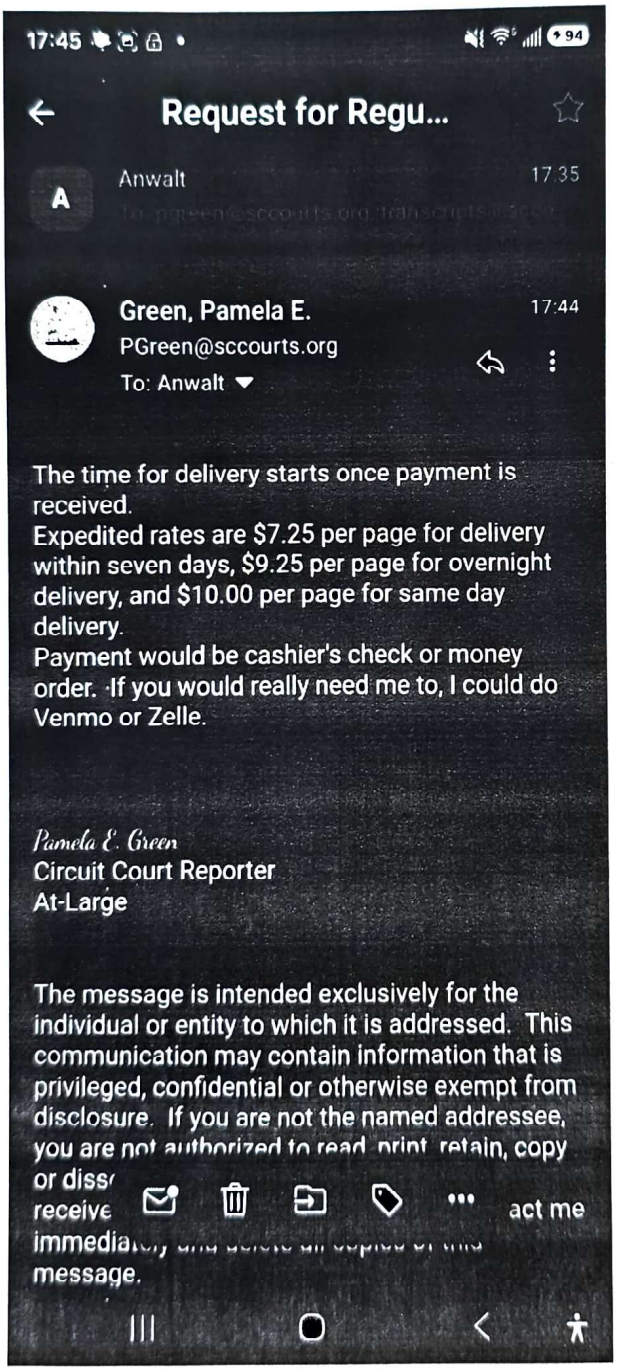
EXHIBIT C

Maria-Emanuel Klein email response regarding transcriptionist status

EXHIBIT D

February 4 reporter estimate and correspondence



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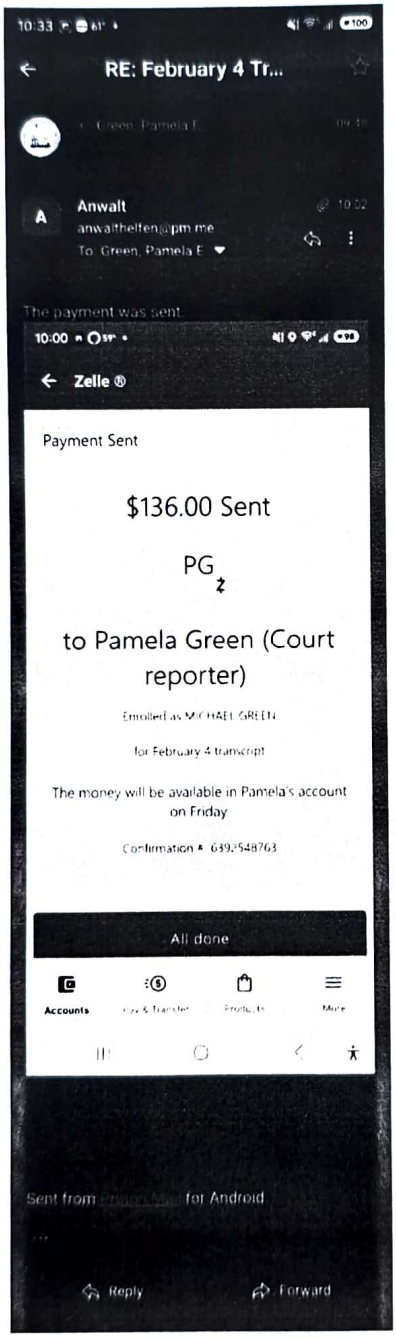

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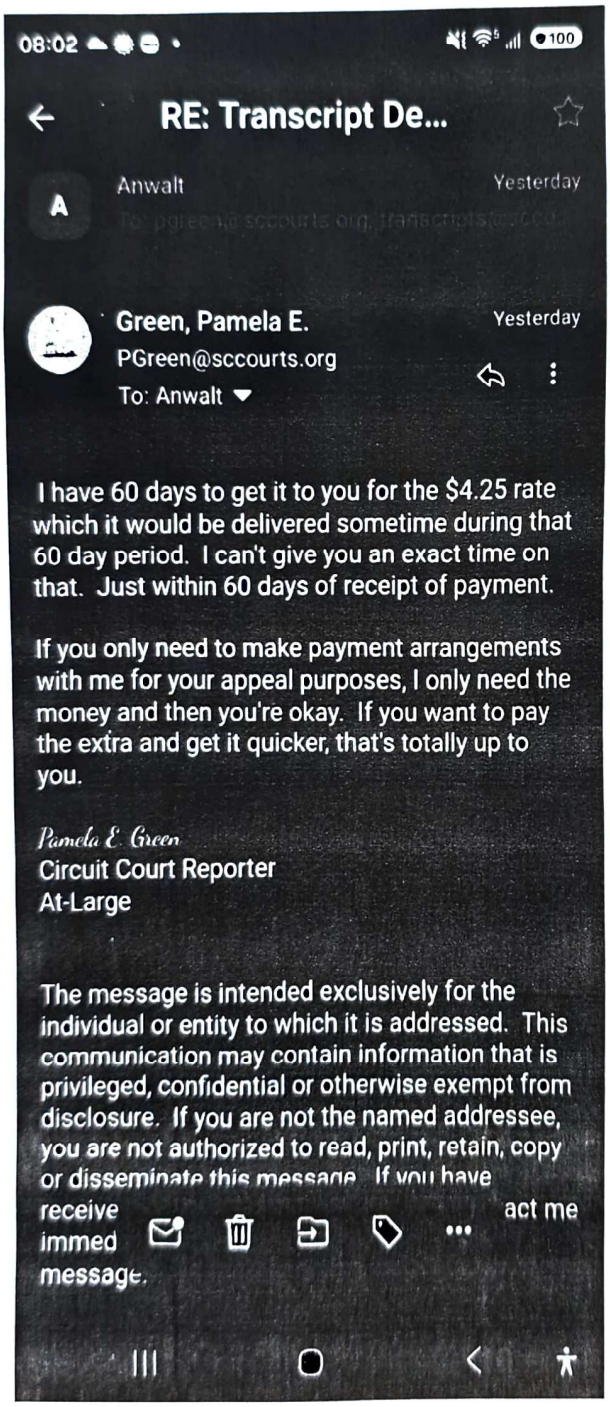
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