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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
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RE: Stewart R. Buchanan, # 069848 v. South Carolina Department of Corrections
Appellate Case No. 2026-001718

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This appeal appears to relate solely to the actions of Judge Daniel Coble in denying Appellant's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* in a civil action in state court. The Department of Corrections had nothing to do with Judge Coble's denial of this motion. The Department of Corrections was not served with the summons and complaint. Therefore, the Department of Corrections does not plan to appear for the State in this appeal and does not intend to file a Brief. The Department does not waive any claims or defenses including lack of service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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