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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM KERSHAW COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge
Case No. 2024-CP-28-00821

Mark Roote, Appellant,
v.
Kershaw County, et al., Respondents.

FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT OF APPELLANT
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO WAIVE FILING FEE

I, Mark Roote, am the Appellant. Because of my poverty I am unable to pay the $250 filing fee for this appeal. I state the following about my and my spouse's finances.

1. Monthly income (gross)

Source	Avg. monthly, past 12 months (Me)	Avg. monthly, past 12 months (Spouse)	Expected next month (Me)	Expected next month (Spouse)
Employment	$3,204	$0	$0	$0
Disability (SS, insurance)	$2,844	$2,362	$2,844	$2,362
All other sources (self-employment, property, interest, gifts, alimony, child support, retirement, unemployment, public assistance, other)	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	**$6,048**	**$2,362**	**$2,844**	**$2,362**

2. My employment, past two years

Employer	Address	Dates	Gross monthly pay
Actalent Services	7301 Parkway Drive S., Hanover, MD 21706	12/1/2024 – 10/21/2026 (resigned)	$2,800 (now $0)

3. My spouse's employment, past two years

Employer	Address	Dates	Gross monthly pay
Pruitt Health	328 Riverchase Way, Suite A, Lexington, SC 29072	1/3/2016 – 8/2/2025	$3,000 (now $0)

4. Cash and bank accounts

Item	Me	Spouse
Cash on hand (combined)	$20	
Checking account	$450	$300

5. Assets (not counting clothing and household furnishings)

Asset	Value
Home	$193,392
Other real estate	None
2017 Nissan Titan	$13,300
2012 Nissan Sentra	$1,750
Other assets	None

6. Money owed to me or my spouse: None.

7. People who rely on us for support

Initials	Relationship	Age
A.W.R.	Minor child	15

8. Average monthly expenses

Expense	Me	Spouse
Rent or home mortgage	$1,120.37	$0
Utilities (electric, heat, water, phone)	$395.00	$438.72
Home maintenance	$400.00	$0
Food	$400.00	$400.00
Clothing	$150.00	$250.00
Medical and dental	$150.00	$150.00
Transportation (not vehicle payments)	$400.00	$250.00
Recreation, entertainment, etc.	$400.00	$250.00
Installment: motor vehicle	$823.10	$0
Installment: credit card(s)	$250.00	$500.00
All other expenses (insurance, taxes, laundry, other installments, support, business, other)	$0	$0
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES	**$4,488.47**	**$2,238.72**

9. Major changes in the next 12 months: Yes. I resigned from my employment on October 21, 2026. My employment income is now $0.

10–11. I have not paid, and will not pay, an attorney or anyone else for services related to this appeal.

12. Why I cannot pay

I am a disabled veteran. My disability was triggered by the events underlying this case and affects my ability to sustain focus and concentration. On October 21, 2026, I resigned from my job as a safety specialist because the lingering effects of a major depressive episode left me unable to focus and catch errors in safety-critical work. I also have multiple physical disabilities that prevent me from obtaining or sustaining manual labor employment as an alternative source of income. With my employment income gone, our expected household income next month is $5,206 against $6,727.19 in monthly expenses.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 29, 2026.

s/ Mark Roote

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