

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

 ORIGINAL

Certiorari to Horry County
Kristi Lea Harrington, Circuit Court Judge

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S.C. Supreme Court

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-000024

Motion to Unseal Plaintiff's Exhibits #1 and #2

Counsel respectfully moves this Court for an Order directing the Horry County Clerk of Court to unseal Plaintiff's Exhibits #1 and #2 in the above post conviction relief action and provide copies of the exhibits to counsel to be included in the appendix.

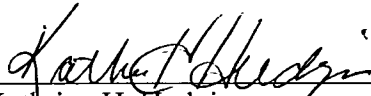
1. On August 26, 2014, a post conviction relief hearing was held before the Honorable Kristi L. Harrington. During the hearing, Petitioner introduced and Judge Harrington admitted, over objection, a transcript of law enforcement's interview with witness Emma Chandler, marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit #1, and a transcript of law enforcement's interview with witness Michael Bennett, marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit #2. These transcripts were apparently sealed by the court reporter who transcribed the interviews rather than by Judge Harrington. The transcripts were apparently not unsealed when introduced in evidence.

2. When counsel requested copies of the exhibits to be included in the appendix, the Horry County Clerk of Court informed counsel that the exhibits were sealed and could not be released without an order unsealing the exhibits.

3. Counsel respectfully asks this Court to unseal Plaintiff's Exhibits #1 and #2 so that the Horry County Clerk of Court may provide copies of these exhibits to counsel to be included in the appendix. Counsel will file the petition for writ of certiorari and the appendix on or before August 26, 2015. The motion to unseal will not delay the filing date as counsel has reviewed an unofficial copy of the transcripts and is able to prepare the petition for writ of certiorari.

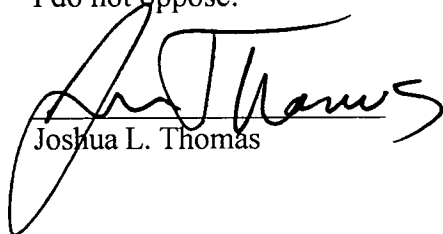
4. As indicated by his signature below, opposing counsel, Joshua L. Thomas, Assistant Attorney General, consents to the Court unsealing the exhibits.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathrine H. Hudgins
Appellate Defender

August 6, 2015

I do not oppose:


Joshua L. Thomas

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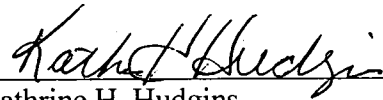
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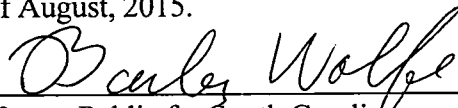
I certify that a true copy of the motion to unseal plaintiff's exhibits #1 and #2 in this case have been served on Joshua L. Thomas, Esquire, at Rembert Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Room 519, Columbia, SC 29201, this 6th day of August, 2015.



Kathrine H. Hudgins
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 6th day
of August, 2015.

 (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: October 24, 2021