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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
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Re: Ricky Lee Blackwell v. State of South Carolina

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed is a copy of the petition for writ of certiorari and appendices in the above-referenced case, together with a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, and motion for leave to file petition and appendix under seal which I have filed today in the United States Supreme Court. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

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Enclosure

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In The  
**Supreme Court of the United States**  
October Term, 2016

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RICKY LEE BLACKWELL,

*Petitioner,*

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

*Respondent.*

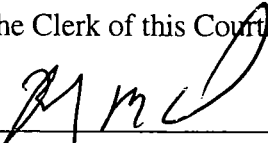
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CERTIFICATE OF FILING BY MAIL  
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I hereby certify that I am a member of the Bar of this Court and that on October 27, 2017, I filed the sealed and redacted petition for writ of certiorari and appendices in the above-referenced case, together with a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, and motion for leave to file petition and appendix under seal by causing the originals and ten copies of the same to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the Clerk of this Court

  
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Robert M. Dudek  
*Chief Appellate Defender*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me  
this 27th day of 2017.

 (L.S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: July 3, 2023