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April 4, 2019

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearhouse
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Richardson v. \$20,771.00, U.S. Currency and Travis Green
Case No. 2017-CP-26-07411
Appellate No. 2019-000519

Dear Mr. Shearhouse:

This letter is in response to your April 2, 2019 letter requesting an explanation of how this case involves a constitutional challenge to a state law and subsequently why this case should be heard in the Supreme Court.

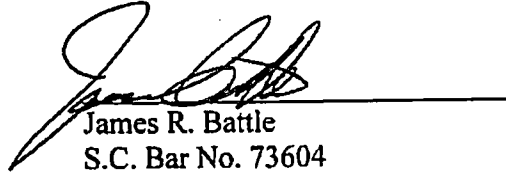
This case involves a constitutional challenge because Appellant seeks to overturn the Honorable Steven H. John's Administrative Order, which indefinitely stayed this case and 72 other civil forfeiture cases in the 15th Judicial Circuit on the basis that South Carolina's forfeiture statute does not comply with *Timbs v. Indiana*, 139 S.Ct. 682 (2019) and the 8th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. See attached Administrative Order.

Appellant seeks to overturn this Administrative Order on the basis that it violates the South Carolina Constitution's unified court system, infringes on the separation of powers, and appropriates Appellant's prosecutorial discretion. These issues are addressed more specifically in Appellant's Initial Brief, which was mailed to the Court today.

Due to the above, Appellant respectfully asks this case be heard in the Supreme Court.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Battle", is written over a solid horizontal line.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTIES OF Horry AND)
GEORGETOWN)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

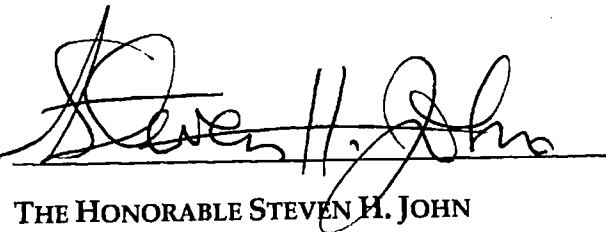
**To: THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR IN THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT; Horry COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; GEORGETOWN
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; Horry COUNTY CLERK OF COURT;
GEORGETOWN COUNTY CLERK OF COURT**

Re: CIVIL FORFEITURES

Pursuant to the Administrative Order of the Chief Justice of the State of South Carolina dated December 20, 2018 appointing the undersigned as Administrative Judge for the Court of General Sessions of Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, the Court finds that all civil forfeitures within the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit should be immediately suspended until such time as the South Carolina State Legislature can address and implement the holding of the United States Supreme Court in *Timbs v. Indiana*. It is therefore

ORDERED that all civil forfeitures within the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit should be immediately suspended until such time as the South Carolina State Legislature takes action in regards to the holding of the United States Supreme Court in *Timbs v. Indiana*.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



THE HONORABLE STEVEN H. JOHN
Chief Administrative Judge
Court of General Sessions
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

February 21, 2019
Conway, South Carolina

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