

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Steven H. John, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2020-000092

Case No. 2017-CP-26-07411

Jimmy A. Richardson, II, Solicitor for the 15th Judicial Circuit,
on behalf of the 15th Circuit Drug Enforcement Unit

Appellant,

v.

Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-One and 00/100 Dollars
(\$20,771.00), U.S. Currency and Travis Green

Respondent.

MOTION TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF

Pursuant to Rule 213, SCACR, Alan Wilson as Attorney General of South Carolina hereby moves this Court to grant leave to file an amicus curiae brief. Given the important public policy considerations and the potential ramifications of the Court's decision on law enforcement efforts to combat drug-related crimes, the Attorney General, as the State's chief legal officer¹, requests leave to bring the State's position before the Court.

¹ "This Court has recognized that the Attorney General has broad statutory and common law authority in his capacity as the chief legal officer of the State to institute actions involving the welfare of the State and its citizens, including vindication of wrongs committed collectively against the citizens of the State." *See Condon v. Hodges*, 349 S.C. 232, 562 S.E.2d 623 (2002). *State v. Beach*, 271 S.C. 425, 248 S.E.2d 115 (1978). *Condon v. State*, 354 S.C. 634, 641, 583 S.E.2d 430, 434 (2003).

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