

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas  
2006-CP-40-03567

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Appellate Case No. 2021-000629

Lawrence L. Crawford a/k/a Jonah  
Gabriel Jahjah T. Tishbite, #300839.....Appellant,

v.

State of South Carolina and  
South Carolina Department of Corrections.....Respondents.

**RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO DISMISS APPELLANT'S APPEAL AND PETITION  
FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

Respondents, the State of South Carolina and the South Carolina Department of Corrections (hereinafter "Respondents" collectively), file this Motion to Dismiss Appellant's Appeal and Petition for Writ of Certiorari ("Petition") pursuant to the grounds set forth below:

1. Appellant has filed this Petition and Appeal as part of the Lower Court case in Richland County (2006-CP-4003567). As background for the benefit of this Court, this is a 2006 case that has yet to be ruled on. This case sat in the Richland County Court of Common Pleas from 2006 to 2020 with no activity. The Court eventually called this case for a hearing in 2020. No one appeared for the hearing, and the Court continued the case. The undersigned attorneys were brought into the case but could not locate the pleadings and filings belonging to this case

because the Clerk of Court's office had placed the documents in a warehouse. They were not available for viewing online until only recently. At this point, Appellant has filed an inappropriate interlocutory appeal. As such Appellant's Appeal and Writ of Certiorari is outside of the usual course and sequence of litigation procedures; the timing is inappropriate for Appellant to raise the issues in this Petition before this Court;

2. Appellant's petition to this Court includes several motions simultaneously and seeks this Court's involvement inappropriately as a court of original jurisdiction.

3. The Lower Court must first adjudicate the initial case to finality so that this case can then be ripe for appeal to this Court.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I certify that I have served the Motion to Dismiss on Lawrence L. Crawford a/k/a Jonah Gabriel Jahjah T. Tishbite by depositing a copy of it in the United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, postage prepaid, on July 23, 2021, addressed to Lawrence L. Crawford, #300839, Lee Correctional Institution, 990 Wisacky Hwy, Bishopville, SC 29010.

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