

**In The
Supreme Court of the United States**

EDWARD THOMAS JAMES, *Petitioner*,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA, *Respondent*.

**BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

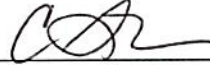
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Carla Suzanne Bechard, a member of the Bar of this Court, hereby certify that on this 18th of March, 2025, a true and correct copy of the State's Brief in Opposition in the above-entitled case was submitted to the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court using the Electronic Filing System. I further certify that a copy has also been furnished by e-mail and United States mail to Dawn B. Macready, Chief Assistant CCRC-North, Capital Collateral Regional Counsel-North, 1004 DeSoto Park Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, **dawn.macready@ccrc-north.org**, **julie.hartwein@ccrc-north.org**, **victoria.phillips@ccrc-north.org** and to the Florida Supreme Court, **warrant@flcourts.org**.

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