

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AVERY JAMAL EDWARDS,  
Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Respondent.

DECLARATION OF TIMELY FILING

I, C. Aaron Holt, do swear or declare that the original and ten copies of the enclosed MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* and PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI, along with Proof of Service, were delivered on March 18, 2025, to third-party commercial carrier FedEx for Standard Overnight Delivery to: Mr. Scott Harris, Clerk of Court, U.S. Supreme Court, 1 First Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20543.

The declarant states that the package containing the petition and other documents was placed in a FedEx drop-box in Fayetteville, Arkansas, prior to 4:30 p.m. on March 18, 2025, that was labeled to indicate that pickup by FedEx would occur no earlier than 4:30 p.m. and that pickup for that day had not yet occurred. Supporting documentation is attached indicating that the shipping label was created on March 18, 2025, at 3:46 p.m. with Tracking Number 772810702595. The documentation further indicates that pickup by FedEx did not actually occur until March 19, 2025. The documentation is inconsistent as to where delivery of the package occurred; a FedEx tracking report and a delivery confirmation email indicate that delivery occurred at 1100 Hampton Blvd., Washington, D.C., 20543, while a FedEx proof of delivery form indicates a delivery location of 1 First Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20543. The documentation indicates that delivery occurred on March 20, 2025, at 2:37 p.m., and that the package was signed for by "R. Gill." At the request of the office of the declarant, an investigation was opened by FedEx into this delivery issue on March 27, 2025.

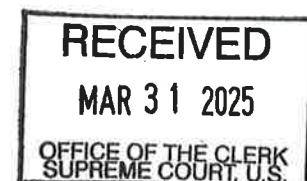
Because the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying documents were delivered on or before the last day for filing to a third-party commercial carrier for delivery to the Clerk of Court within 3 calendar days, the petition should be considered timely filed pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 29(2).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Executed on March 27, 2025.



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C. Aaron Holt, AFPD  
Court-Appointed Counsel for Petitioner



The following is the proof-of-delivery for tracking number: 772810702595

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**Delivery Information:**

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Status:	Delivered	Delivered To:	Shipping/Receiving
Signed for by:	R. Gill	Delivery Location:	1 1ST ST NE
Service type:	FedEx Standard Overnight		
Special Handling:	Deliver Weekday		WASHINGTON, DC, 20543
		Delivery date:	Mar 20, 2025 14:37

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**Shipping Information:**

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Tracking number:	772810702595	Ship Date:	Mar 19, 2025
		Weight:	3.0 LB/1.36 KG

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**Recipient:**

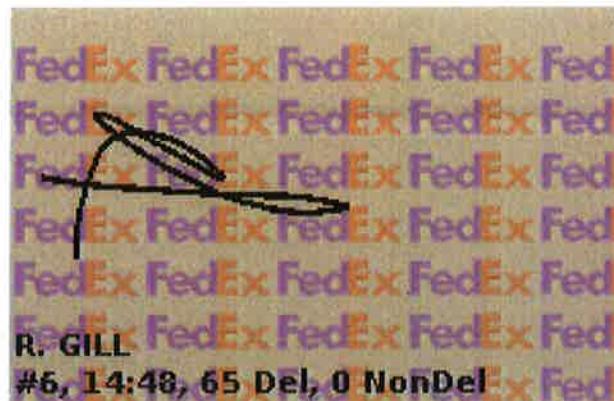
Mr. Scott Harris, Clerk of Court, U.S. Supreme Court  
1 1ST ST NE  
WASHINGTON, DC, US, 20543

**Shipper:**

Aaron Holt, Federal Public Defender's Office  
112 West Center Street  
Suite 300  
FAYETTEVILLE, AR, US, 72701

**Reference**

A. Edwards



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# Thursday

3/20/25 at 2:37 PM

Signed for by: R.Gill

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FedEx FedEx FedEx FedEx FedEx  
R. GILL FedEx FedEx FedEx FedEx  
#6, 14:48, 65 Del, 0 NonDel, FedEx

**ADD YOUR EMAIL TO STAY UPDATED ON THIS SHIPMENT****GET UPDATES****MORE OPTIONS****TRACKING ID**772810702595   **FROM**

Federal Public Defender's Office

Aaron Holt

112 West Center Street Suite 300

FAYETTEVILLE, AR US 72701

4794422306

*Label Created*

3/18/25 3:46 PM

**WE HAVE YOUR PACKAGE**

LOWELL, AR

WASHINGTON, DC  
3/20/25 11:51 AM

**OUT FOR DELIVERY**  
WASHINGTON, DC  
3/20/25 12:09 PM

**DELIVERED**  
Mr. Scott Harris, Clerk of Court  
U.S. Supreme Court  
1100 Hampton BLVD  
WASHINGTON, DC US 20543  
2024793011

*Delivered*  
3/20/25 at 2:37 PM

## Shipment facts ^

### Shipment overview

**TRACKING NUMBER** 772810702595

**DELIVERED TO** Shipping/Receiving

**SHIPPER REFERENCE** A. Edwards

**SHIP DATE** (?) 3/19/25

**STANDARD TRANSIT** (?) 3/20/25 before 5:00 PM

**DELIVERED** 3/20/25 at 2:37 PM

### Services

**SERVICE** FedEx Standard Overnight

**TERMS** Shipper

**SPECIAL HANDLING SECTION** Deliver Weekday

### Package details

**WEIGHT** 3 lbs / 1.36 kgs

**DIMENSIONS** 12x9x3 in.

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## SORT BY DATE/TIME

Ascending ▼

## Time zone

Local Scan Time ▼

Tuesday, 3/18/25

- 3:46 PM  
Shipment information sent to FedEx

Wednesday, 3/19/25

- 3:38 PM  
Picked up  
LOWELL, AR
- 3:39 PM  
Shipment arriving On-Time  
LOWELL, AR
- 5:00 PM  
Arrived at FedEx hub  
LOWELL, AR
- 5:44 PM  
Left FedEx origin facility  
LOWELL, AR

• 1:15 AM

**Delivery updated**

Your package may be late- local delivery restrictions

TULSA, OK

• 2:22 AM

**Arrived at FedEx hub**

MEMPHIS, TN

• 2:25 AM

**Delivery updated**

Delivery updated

MEMPHIS, TN

• 4:44 AM

**Delivery updated**

Your package may be late- local delivery restrictions

MEMPHIS, TN

• 4:44 AM

**On the way**

MEMPHIS, TN

• 4:44 AM

**Delivery updated**

Your package may be late- local delivery restrictions

MEMPHIS, TN

• 5:41 AM

**Departed FedEx hub**

MEMPHIS, TN

• 5:42 AM

**Shipment arriving On-Time**

MEMPHIS, TN

• 8:11 AM

**At destination sort facility**

DULLES, VA

• 11:51 AM

**At local FedEx facility**

WASHINGTON, DC

• 12:09 PM

**On FedEx vehicle for delivery**

WASHINGTON, DC

✓ 2:37 PM

**Delivered**

WASHINGTON, DC

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**Subject:** Your shipment was delivered 772810702595  
**Date:** Thursday, March 20, 2025 1:54:05 PM

EXTERNAL SENDER



## Your shipment was delivered.

Delivery Date

Thu, 03/20/2025  
2:37pm

Delivered to

1100 Hampton BLVD, WASHINGTON, DC 20543

Received by

R.Gill

[Report missing package](#)

## How was your delivery?



## Tracking details

Tracking ID

[772810702595](#)

From

Federal Public Defender's Office  
112 West Center Street  
Suite 300  
FAYETTEVILLE, AR, US  
72701

To U.S. Supreme Court  
1 1ST ST NE  
WASHINGTON, DC, US  
20543

Ship date Wed 3/19/2025 03:38 PM

Number of pieces 1

Total shipment weight 3.00 LB

Service FedEx Standard Overnight

Reference A. Edwards

Shipper reference A. Edwards

[TRACK SHIPMENT](#)

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