

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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BILLY LEON KEARSE,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
*Respondent.*

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ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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**BRIEF IN OPPOSITION  
EXECUTION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.**

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Scott A. Browne, a member of the Bar of this Court, hereby certify that on this 3rd of March 2026, 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 United States mail to: Suzanne Keefer, Acting Chief, Paul Kalil, Assistant CCRC-M, and Courtney Hammer, Staff Attorney, Capital Collateral Regional Counsel-South Region, 110 SE 6th Street, Ste 701, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301, **keefers@ccsr.state.fl.us**, **kalilP@ccsr.state.fl.us**, **pleadings@ccsr.state.fl.us**, **hammerC@ccsr.state.fl.us**.

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