

In The Supreme Court of the United States

BILLE LEON KEARSE

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

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

**RESPONSE TO MOTION TO STAY THE EXECUTION
EXECUTION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.**

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Scott A. Brown, 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 Response to Motion to Stay Execution 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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