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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ERNEST MILLS, JR.

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

Respondent

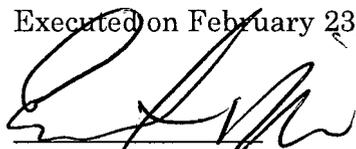
PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Ernest Mills, the undersigned petitioner, am currently an inmate in custody of the La. Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, housed at the Allen Parish Correctional Center in Kinder, Louisiana. Today, Monday, February 23, 2026, I deposited the original and one duplicate copy of the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari and Appendix, accompanied by a Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*, in a sealed envelope, into the named facility's internal mail system addressed to this Honorable U.S. Supreme Court. Sufficient U.S. Postage was affixed thereto by me or the institution on my behalf. A duplicate copy of the petition for writ of certiorari to the La. Supreme Court, and Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* were simultaneously placed in the facility's internal mail system, in a separate sealed envelope, properly addressed to:

Liz Murrill, Attorney General
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-counsel for State of Louisiana-

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 23, 2026



Ernest Mills, Jr.

DUPLICATE