

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JAMES ERNEST HITCHCOCK,
Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Respondent.

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

**BRIEF IN OPPOSITION
EXECUTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.**

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Scott A. Browne, a member of the Bar of this Court, hereby certify that on this 27th of April 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: Eric Pinkard, Chief Assistant CCRC-M, Joshua Chaykin, Cortney Hackett, and Christopher Clemente, Assistants CCRC-M, Capital Collateral Regional Counsel, CCRC – Middle Region, 12973 North Telecom Parkway, Temple Terrace, Florida 33637, pinkard@ccmr.state.fl.us, chaykin@ccmr.state.fl.us, hackett@ccmr.state.fl.us, clemente@ccmr.state.fl.us, support@ccmr.state.fl.us.

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