

No. 25-7408

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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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**RICHARD KNIGHT,**  
*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 MAY 21, 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 20th of May 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: Todd Scher, Assistant CCRC-S, Michael T. Cookson, Staff Attorney, Capital Collateral Regional Counsel, CCRC – South Region, 110 SE 6th Street, Suite 701, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, [tscher@msn.com](mailto:tscher@msn.com) [cooksonm@ccsr.state.fl.us](mailto:cooksonm@ccsr.state.fl.us), [ccrcpleadings@ccmr.state.fl.us](mailto:ccrcpleadings@ccmr.state.fl.us).

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