

No. 25-847

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2025

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Petitioner,

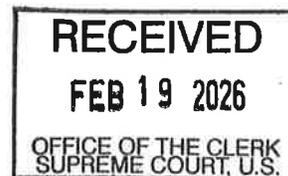
v.

BRANDON DEWAYNE SYKES,

Respondent.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Angela L. Setzer, a member of the Bar of this Court, certify that on February 17, 2026, as required by Supreme Court Rule 29, I served a copy of the enclosed Brief in Opposition to the State of Alabama's Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, along with a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, on the Alabama Attorney General's Office by depositing these documents in the United States mail, with first class postage pre-paid and properly addressed to:



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