

\*\*\* CAPITAL CASE \*\*\*

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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BILLY LEON KEARSE,

*Petitioner,*

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

*Respondent.*

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ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO FLORIDA SUPREME COURT

**DEATH WARRANT SIGNED  
EXECUTION SET MARCH 3, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Florida Supreme Court, Appendix, and Application for Stay of Execution, and Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* have been furnished to the Supreme Court of the United States via electronic service and FedEx and, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 29, furnished by United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, to Leslie T. Campbell and Lisa-Marie Lerner, Senior Assistant Attorney Generals, 1515 N. Flagler Drive, 9th Floor, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, on February 28, 2026.

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