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NICHOLAS LANE JONES,

Plaintiff and Appellant,

v.

ORDER

STATE OF MONTANA,

Defendant and Appellee.

On April 28, 2026, this Court issued an Order on Appellee State of Montana's motion, holding this matter in abeyance until full production of the necessary transcripts and denying self-represented Appellant Nicholas Lane Jones's various motions. Since then, Jones has filed a Motion to Compel production of two missing transcripts. The State responds in opposition, explaining that two transcripts have the wrong hearing dates.

Jones puts forth that the Court Reporter needs to deliver these transcripts within fifteen days. He states that two remaining transcripts have yet to be produced for the September 7, 2022 hearing and the June 1, 2022 hearing.

The State submits that it has found discrepancies in the transcript dates reflected in Jones's filed Notice of Appeal. The State provides that the requested hearing transcripts concern the following dates: June 6, 2022, August 1, 2022, August 5, 2022, and September 7, 2022. The State points out that Jones's reference to a June 1, 2022 hearing is mistaken as it is June 6, 2022. The State further provides that the Court Reporter filed a Notice of Filing Appeal Transcripts on May 18, 2026 and that she filed a June 1, 2022 transcript for a bond reduction and revocation of release hearing as well as a September 7, 2022 sentencing hearing transcript. The State puts forth that the June hearing transcript filed is the June 6, 2022 hearing as no hearing occurred on June 1st. The State adds has the other transcript has the wrong date of September 9, 2019, when it should be September 7, 2022.

The State further explains that it has endeavored to correct these discrepancies, yet the Court Reporter is on medical leave currently.

This Court observes that no May 18, 2026 filing from the Court Reporter exists. The Clerk of the Supreme Court has no filing of either transcript for that date.¹ This Court further observes that electronic transcripts for a June 6, 2022 hearing and a September 7, 2022 hearing were filed on June 3, 2026. The Clerk of the Supreme Court issued a Notice of the filing on the same day. The record is complete. We note the State's response brief is currently due sixty days from the April 28, 2026 Order, or June 29, 2026,² unless the State moves for an extension of time. Therefore,

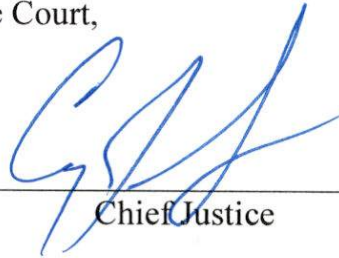
IT IS ORDERED that Jones's Motion to Compel is DENIED.

The Clerk is directed to provide a copy to: Court Reporter, Julie Green; counsel of record; and Nicholas Lane Jones personally.

Dated June 9, 2026.

For the Court,

By



Chief Justice

¹ According to the attached email correspondence between the Attorney General's Office and the District Court Administrator on May 26th, the Paralegal for the Appellate Bureau points out "the Court has not issued a Notice to the parties of transcripts filed for those two transcripts."

² The actual date would be Saturday, June 27, 2026, for the deadline.