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THE RECORD IS SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT SPURLOCKS' ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR AND THEREFORE HIS ISSUE IS NOT BARRED ON APPEAL

Although the suppression hearing's transcript was not included in the appellate record, Spurlock is not procedurally barred for arguing that the police unlawfully seized him. The State correctly asserts that the appellant is responsible for presenting "a record of trial proceedings sufficient to undergird his assignments of error." *Winters v. State*, 473 So. 2d 452, 457 (Miss. 1985). Spurlock's appellate record is sufficient to support his assignment of error.

The appellate record contains Spurlock's motion to suppress, as well as the trial court's order denying that motion. [R.E. 5, 14] The trial court's order includes a detailed statement of his findings of fact that this Court should review. Spurlock's assignment of error attacks the trial court's findings and this information was designated as a part of the record.

The State cites *Juarez v. State*, 965 So. 2d 1061, 1065 (¶12) (Miss. 2007), as supporting authority that failure to include the motion hearing transcript bars this argument on appeal. This case is not applicable to Spurlock's case. In *Juarez*, the Court determined that Juarez was procedurally

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, as well as the issue and argument raised in his initial brief, the Appellant, Robert Spurlock, prays that this Court reverse and render the trial court's decision.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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