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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Jason S. Edwards v. State  
Appellate Case No: 2019-001088

Dear Ms. Howard:

This is an update on the status of the reconstruction hearing ordered by this Court on February 12, 2020. On July 27, 2022, a hearing was held before the Honorable Clifton Newman at the Sumter County Courthouse for a determination of whether or not the record of the missing PCR transcript could be reconstructed. After hearing testimony but before ruling Judge Newman kept the record open to allow Petitioner time to decide how he wished to proceed. I am informed that Petitioner now wishes to drop his appeal. I mailed a drop affidavit to Petitioner and will forward a copy of the signed drop affidavit to the Court as soon as I receive it. Thank you for allowing me to bring this to your attention. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathrine H. Hudgins  
Appellate Defender

cc: The Honorable Clifton Newman  
Assistant Attorney General Taylor Smith

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