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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: Jason Sinatra Edwards v. The State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2019-001088

Dear Ms. Howard:

On February 12, 2020, this Court remanded the above case for a hearing to attempt to reconstruct the record of the PCR hearing originally held on March 22, 2013. 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.

Mr. Edwards has now decided to drop his post-conviction relief appeal, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit. I have reviewed with him the consequences of dropping the appeal and am in agreement with his decision. He has been informed of the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing this appeal, and I believe he has made his decision knowingly and voluntarily.

I respectfully request that an order be issued dismissing this post-conviction relief appeal. Additionally, I respectfully request the timelines for filing be held in abeyance pending the Court's decision on dismissing the appeal.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Taylor Smith, Esquire of my client's decision. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathrine H. Hudgins
Appellate Defender

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Clifton Newman
Taylor Smith, Esquire
Jason Sinatra Edwards