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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court, S.C. Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Re: State v. Shellie Lavette Davis | Appellate Case No. 2018-000366

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On January 24, 2019, this Court granted Ms. Davis's motion to remand her case to the Lexington County Court of General Sessions to reconstruct the record of her sentencing hearing from April 30, 2014. Following a hearing before the Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, this Court remanded the case back to the circuit court for a new battered spouse hearing.

Counsel for both parties met with Judge McLeod in August for a status conference. Following that conversation, I met with Ms. Davis and delivered copies of the trial transcript to Judge McLeod and opposing counsel. I am actively taking steps to prepare for the upcoming battered spouse hearing, to include investigation and identification of relevant evidence. I am in the process of obtaining medical records, although the age of the case is making that difficult.

Last month, Judge McLeod signed an Order allowing me to obtain copies of some defense exhibits from Ms. Davis' 2014 trial. I retrieved those copies from the Lexington County Clerk of Court. I will continue to correspond with this Court, Judge McLeod, and opposing counsel as the case develops. I will provide an additional update next month. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Taylor D. Gilliam", is written over the typed name.

Taylor D. Gilliam
Appellate Defender

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cc: The Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV (via e-mail)
Robert McNair, Esquire (via e-mail)
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