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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of South Carolina
1231 Gervais Sreet
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

**Re: The State v. James Heyward
Appellant Case No. 2021-000122**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing in connection with the above-referenced matter:

1. Ten (10) bound copies of the Initial Brief of Petitioner which was emailed to the Court for filing on December 29, 2022.
2. Ten bound copies and one unbound copy of the Appendix. We did not file the Appendix electronically because of size.
3. One copy of Proof of Service of Initial Brief of Petitioner and Appendix which was emailed to the Court for filing on December 29, 2022.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter and please let us know if you need anything further.

Very truly yours,

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