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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. Marvin Donte Bryan | Appellate Case No. 2017-001468

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This Court granted Mr. Bryan's motion to remand his case to the Charleston County Court of General Sessions to reconstruct portions of his trial on November 8, 2018. In accordance with this Court's order, I am providing this Court with a written update every thirty days until the matter is resolved.

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022, the undersigned and opposing counsel met virtually with Judge Jefferson. We provided her an update regarding the stipulations we have entered into. Out of the thirty-three bench conferences that need to be reconstructed, the parties have stipulated to twelve. That leaves twenty-one bench conferences to reconstruct.

Judge Jefferson informed us that she is in possession of the court reporter's audio recordings from trial. She intends to listen to them with her staff and will notify the parties when she is prepared to take the next steps. Judge Jefferson also indicated that she has notes from the trial that may aid with reconstruction.

Moving forward, we will wait to hear from the judge. I remain in contact with the lawyer who represented Marvin Bryan at trial in order to ensure his availability for the reconstruction hearing. 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".

Taylor D. Gilliam
Appellate Defender

cc: Scott Matthews, Esq.
Marvin Bryan