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January 9, 2023

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Mikal D. Mahdi, #5238 v. Bryan Stirling, Commissioner, South Carolina Department of Corrections, et al., 22-5536

Dear Ms. Howard:

Today, the Supreme Court of the United States issued an Order List, in which the Court denied Mr. Mahdi's Petition for Writ of Certiorari. (See Attached Order List, p. 6). This concludes Mr. Mahdi's federal habeas corpus proceedings. Mr. Mahdi does not currently have a pending action challenging either his convictions or sentence. The State is not aware of any stay in place to prevent the issuance of the execution notice since the District Court stay, issued February 10, 2017 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2251 (a)(1), only continued while the habeas corpus proceeding was pending.

By copy of this letter, I am serving opposing counsel, E. Charles Grose, Jr., Esquire, John L. Warren, III, Esquire, David Weiss, Esquire and Gerald W. King, Jr., Esquire, along with Barton J. Vincent, Esquire, counsel for the South Carolina Department of Corrections, with this letter and the Supreme Court's Order List.

Sincerely,

s/Melody J. Brown

Melody J. Brown
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosure

cc: E. Charles Grose, Jr., Esquire (w/copy of SCOTUS Order)
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 First Judicial Circuit (w/copy of SCOTUS Order)
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