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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: State v. Theodore J. Bolick
Appellate Case No.: **2020-001497**

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

The State received Appellant's Motion for Emergency Unsecured Bond. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return. The State will provide a more formal response upon request by the Court. The State opposes Appellant's request. Many of his claims are the subject of the appeal currently pending before this Court. The State served and filed its Initial Brief of Respondent on January 17, 2023 addressing many of his claims. A defendant has no right to an appeal bond, and a court ordinarily will only issue one with "extreme caution." Nichols v. Patterson, 202 S.C. 352, ___, 25 S.E.2d 155, 156 (1943) (citation and internal quotations omitted). This is not an appropriate case for granting the extraordinary relief of an appeal bond, and certainly not an unsecured bond requested by Appellant.

Sincerely,

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