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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: *John Richard Wood v. State of South Carolina*
No. 2022-CP-23-06219

Dear Ms. Howard:

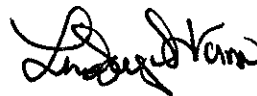
Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), and the Court's order dated November 17, 2022, I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case.

On December 16, 2022, Judge Grace Knie held a hearing to determine Mr. Wood's desire for court appointed counsel. Following that hearing, Judge Knie appointed Emily Paavola and Lindsey Vann as counsel for Mr. Wood. A written order appointing counsel was filed on December 21, 2022.

Also on December 21, 2022, Judge Knie signed a scheduling order in this case, allowing sixty days for the State to serve a subpoena on the South Carolina Department of Corrections for Mr. Wood's medical and mental health records and to file a return to the application for post-conviction relief. The scheduling order also scheduled an evidentiary hearing to be held the week of June 12, 2023. Based on the scheduling order, undersigned counsel's investigation is ongoing.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Lindsey S. Vann

cc: Melody Brown, Esq.
Judge Grace Knie