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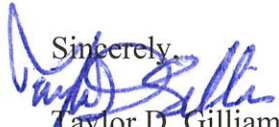
Re: State v. Shellie Lavette Davis | Appellate Case No. 2018-000366

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

In 2019, this Court granted Ms. Davis's motion to remand her case to the Lexington County Court of General Sessions to reconstruct the record of her sentencing hearing from April 30, 2014. Following a hearing before the Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, this Court remanded the case back to the circuit court for a new battered spouse hearing by way of a January 14, 2022 Order.

Counsel for both parties met with Judge McLeod in August 2022 for a status conference. Following that conversation, I met with Ms. Davis and delivered copies of the trial transcript to Judge McLeod and opposing counsel. I am taking steps to prepare for the upcoming battered spouse hearing, to include investigation and identification of relevant evidence. I am in the process of obtaining medical records, although the age of the case is making that difficult. Judge McLeod signed an Order allowing me to obtain copies of defense exhibits from the 2014 trial.

I was able to visit Ms. Davis last week. I anticipate one additional visit later this month. After that, I will be prepared for the battered spouse hearing. I would like to apologize to the Court for the delay. The nature of this hearing requires a lot of investigation, all while managing my current caseload. I will endeavor to work with Judge McLeod and opposing counsel to bring about a resolution in the near future. I will provide an additional update next month. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
  
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