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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
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Re: Jacoby Fields v. State of South Carolina, Appellate Case No. 2020-001229

Dear Ms. Howard:

By way of an Order dated March 9, 2021, this Court granted Petitioner's motion to remand. In accordance with the directives in the Order, I have contacted witnesses, the PCR judge, and opposing counsel. I have also met with my client, who is now back at CoreCivic in Mississippi. I requested and received notes from the state's attorney from the original PCR hearing. I will continue to take steps to streamline the reconstruction process.

On July 12, 2022, opposing counsel and I met virtually with Judge Jefferson for a status conference. We discussed the list of potential witnesses, the judge's notes from the PCR hearing, and timing and logistics.

Last month, Judge Jefferson's office contacted the undersigned and opposing counsel about a potential reconstruction date later this month. Due to various conflicts and substitute counsel for Respondent needing time to prepare for the hearing, the timing was pushed to a later date. We await further instructions from the judge's chambers. In accordance with this Court's Order, I will continue to provide updates every fifteen days. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Taylor D. Gilliam

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Jacoby Fields