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SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk, S.C. Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
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Re: The State v. Torrance McCrea (Appellate Case No. 2023-000170)

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

This appeal pertains to a lower court denial of a motion for a new trial based on after-discovered evidence pursuant to Rule 29(b), SCRCrimP that was filed by Tommy Thomas, Esquire, on February 3, 2023, with the Williamsburg County General Sessions. The Honorable Kristie F. Curtis denied the motion in her order dated April 7, 2022. Apparently, the underlying convictions were from the Year 2000.

The Division of Appellate Defense does not handle appeals from the denial of a Motion for a New Trial pursuant to Rule 29(b), SCRCrimP since it is not an appeal of criminal conviction or a post-conviction relief action. Consequently, we will not be opening a file on this case. Tommy Thomas, Esquire and Mr. McCrea are being informed by copy of this letter that our office does not handle an appeal from the denial of an independent motion for a new trial based on after-discovered evidence. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

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