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March 22, 2023

Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
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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.

Opposing counsel and I were contacted on March 10, 2023 by Judge Jefferson's assistant regarding availability on March 15, 2023. Due to the inability to secure witnesses in that short of a timeframe, we were unable to schedule the hearing on March 15, 2023. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Taylor D. Gilliam", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Taylor D. Gilliam

Cc: Taylor Smith, Esquire
Jacoby Fields