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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
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Re: *John Richard Wood v. State of South Carolina*
No. 2022-CP-23-06219

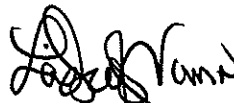
Dear Ms. Howard:

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.

Mr. Wood's pre-hearing investigation is ongoing. The State has indicated it intends to move for a stay of the proceedings, which we expect will be filed in the near future.

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