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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of Court, S.C. Court of Appeals  
1220 Senate Street  
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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. I am taking steps to prepare for the upcoming battered spouse hearing, to include investigation and identification of relevant evidence. I am nearly ready for the hearing and will coordinate with opposing counsel and Judge McLeod to schedule a date, likely this summer.

I have accepted a new position at the University of South Carolina School of Law as the Pro Bono Program Director. My last day at Appellate Defense is Wednesday, April 5, 2023. I have received approval from the law school, Ms. Davis, and the Chief Appellate Defender to stay on this case. I believe another Appellate Defender will also be appointed in the near future; I will serve as co-counsel. Another update will be provided next month. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Taylor D. Gilliam".

Taylor D. Gilliam  
Appellate Defender

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cc: Robert McNair, Esquire (via e-mail)  
Shellie Lavette Davis