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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: The State v. James W. Owens, Appellate Case No. 2022-001458

Dear Mr. Kitchings:

Pursuant to this Court's Order granting Petitioner's motion to remand dated March 14, 2023, I have contacted Curtis Pauling, the prosecuting attorney in Kershaw County handling the matter there, and discussed scheduling a meeting with him and the trial court regarding a reconstruction hearing. Although I have not yet been able to reach the trial court to schedule the hearing, the prosecuting attorney indicated he will try to notify the trial court as well so the meeting can be scheduled. I will notify this Court as soon as the matter is scheduled by the circuit court.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Breen Richard Stevens
Appellate Defender

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