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S.C. SUPREME COURT

July 24, 2023

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
PO Box 11330
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Re: Edward Kirk v. State, Appellate Case No. 2022-001823

Dear Ms. Howard:

On April 21, 2023, this Court granted a motion to remand this case for reconstruction of Petitioner's guilty plea hearing. In accordance with this Court's order, I contacted counsel for Respondent, D. Russell Barlow, II, who is also copied here, as well as Judge Jocelyn Newman and provided them with a copy of this Court's order remanding the case for reconstruction. A follow up email was sent to the parties on June 14, 2023. I have been able to correspond with Mr. Barlow about this matter, however we are still waiting to hear from Judge Newman. I will continue to work to progress this case. In accordance with this Court's Order, I will provide another update in thirty days.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jessica M. Saxon

Cc: D. Russell Barlow, II, Esquire