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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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Re: State v. Mathia Lamont Chambers, Appellate Case No. 2022-000689

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This is an update letter on the status of Chambers' Reconstruction Hearing. I made contact with Judge McCleod via telephone and e-mail regarding this on July 20, 2023, and learned that there was the possibility that a different courtroom was used when the guilty plea proceeding transpired. Therefore, a different court reporter would have been present at that time to record Chambers' guilty plea. Judge McCleod contacted the court reporter who might have the tapes needed in the case. I await Judge McCleod's response and will submit the results upon receipt of any new information given to me.

I am available in the event questions arise regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Wanda H. Carter  
Deputy Chief Appellate Defender

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