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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
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Re: The State v. James W. Owens, Appellate Case No. 2022-001458

Dear Mr. Kitchings:

Since our last update letter to the Court, my office has been in contact with the chambers of Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran regarding scheduling. Opposing counsel has been included in our communications as well. Once the reconstruction hearing for Mr. Owens' entire trial is scheduled by the circuit court, I will notify this Court.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Breen R. Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Breen Richard Stevens
Appellate Defender

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Cc: Mark R. Farthing, Esquire
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Attachment: Email Correspondence

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From: Cothran, Ralph F. Jr., Law Clerk (Caroline Land) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 4:39 PM
To: Stevens, Breen; Cothran, Ralph Ferrell Jr. Secretary (Gayle Brunson)
Cc: [REDACTED] Leverett, Scott
Subject: [External] RE: State v. James Owens, re: trial record reconstruction hearing

Good Afternoon,

I have received your email and will discuss with Judge Cothran possible dates for the hearing.

Thank you,

Caroline "Bitsy" Land

Law Clerk for the

Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr.

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Good morning, Judge Cothran,

I am writing to follow-up on scheduling the reconstruction hearing for Mr. James Owens. Please let me know at your earliest convenience when we may schedule either another chambers conference regarding the matter, or the hearing itself if you prefer, and we'll be sure to make it happen. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Very respectfully yours,

-Breen

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