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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
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Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: *Mar-Reece Aldean Hughes vs. The State of South Carolina*  
C. A. No.: 00-CP-46-2051

Dear Ms. Howard:

This case remains pending pre-hearing and Mr. Hughes remains incompetent. See Hughes v State, 367 S.C. 389, 626 S.E.2d 805 (2006). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions in this matter or if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

  
WILLIAM HARRY EHLIES, II

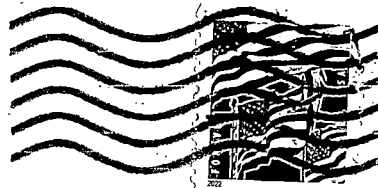
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