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October 11, 2023

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

Re: State v. Michael Dewayne Williams, Appellant Case No. 2022-000686

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This letter is to advise the Court regarding the status of Mr. Williams' missing transcript purportedly containing motions and objections of trial counsel. Since our last update, my office has again followed-up with Court Administration regarding the status of the transcript. As October 5th, Court Administration informed us that they have the information, but that the transcripts themselves are not yet completed. Copies of email correspondence regarding the matter are attached with this letter. When the transcript is produced and delivered, we will notify this Court. If you have any questions or concerns, please notify my office at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Breen Richard Stevens  
Appellate Defender

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Cc: Mark R. Farthing, Esquire  
Michael Dewayne Williams

## Stevens, Breen

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**From:** Stevens, Breen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023 4:56 PM  
**To:** White, Della  
**Cc:** Leverett, Scott  
**Subject:** State v. Michael Williams, re: missing transcript update

Good afternoon, Della,

I am following-up again to see if Court Admin has yet to respond regarding the status of Michael Williams missing transcripts containing additional arguments made on the morning of April 11, 2022 and the morning of April 13, 2022. I know we have tried many times over the past few months, but hope springs eternal: maybe they tracked down the missing information by now. Please contact Court Admin again and see if they have the transcripts. Also, if they still do not, please ask what more we can do on our side to help expedite the matter. Thanks Della.

Best regards,  
-Breen

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**From:** White, Della  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2023 8:56 AM  
**To:** Stevens, Breen  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Re:

Good morning, Breen,

Please see the email thread. I hope this means we will get it soon.

I will keep an eye out for it.

Thanks so much for your patience.

Della  
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**From:** White, Della [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2023 8:53:59 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Penny [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Re:

Okay, thank you!

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**From:** Johnson, Penny [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2023 8:53:25 AM  
**To:** White, Della [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [External] Re:

Della,

Tammie sent it to me. I have just not got it completed yet.

Thank you!

*Penny M. Johnson  
Court Reporter III  
2nd Judicial Circuit*

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**From:** White, Della [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2023 12:51 PM  
**To:** Holmes, Tammie [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Johnson, Penny [REDACTED]  
**Subject:**

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Good morning, Tammie,

It was nice to put a name with a face last night.

I am following-up to see if you or Ms. Johnson have been able to locate the Michael Williams missing transcripts containing additional arguments made on the morning of April 11, 2022, and the morning of April 13, 2022. I know we have tried several times over the past few months but thought I would check to see if you have been able to track it down once more. If you do locate it, can we expedite it?

Thank you so much!

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