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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 the Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, as well as the Attorney General's office, regarding scheduling. Based upon my review of Judge Cothran's calendar over the last several weeks on the judicial website, it appears he has been in General Sessions Court for at least two weeks in Beaufort County and will be in Laurens County this week. (i.e. – I believe it is likely he has been very busy with other pressing matters).

Accordingly, I have specifically requested a status conference to be held in order for the parties to meet with the Court. If granted, I believe this could help establish a more clear timeline toward resolution.

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

Sincerely,

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