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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
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Re: Edward Kirk v. State, Appellate Case No. 2022-001823

Dear Ms. Howard:

On April 21, 2023, this Court granted a motion to remand this case for reconstruction of Petitioner's guilty plea hearing. In accordance with this Court's order, I contacted counsel for Respondent, D. Russell Barlow, II, who is also copied here, as well as Judge Jocelyn Newman and provided them with a copy of this Court's order remanding the case for reconstruction. A hearing has been scheduled in this matter for October 31, 2023, at 11 a.m., in the Richland County courthouse. We anticipate being able to reconstruct the plea hearing on that date. In accordance with this Court's Order, I will provide another update in thirty days.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessica M. Saxon", is written over the typed name.

Jessica M. Saxon

Cc: D. Russell Barlow, II, Esquire