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S.C. SUPREME COURT

December 5, 2023

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
PO Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

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 was initially scheduled for October 2023 but had to be continued. A hearing has been scheduled in this matter for December 15, 2023, at 2 p.m., in the Richland County courthouse and all parties have confirmed that there are no conflicts with that date and time. We anticipate being able to reconstruct the plea hearing on that date. I apologize for failing to update the Court last month. 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,

Jessica M. Saxon

Cc: D. Russell Barlow, II, Esquire