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I the petitioner Steve Lee
 writing this letter also
 with a copy of the complain
 against GREENVILLE COUNTY
 COUNTY. COURTHOUSE General
 Session Circuit and my
 motion were filed February
 27, 2019 for Resentencing
 the court of GREENVILLE they
 REFUSED to give me my
 hearing & Resentencing also
 I have had 3 lawyer they
 fail to do they job to
 REPRESENT me Steve Lee
 with a Fair hearing
 Preliminary hearing in
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② MILD BONDH A MANICANT SHE WERE INEFFECTIVE OF COUNSEL ALSO SHE KEEP MY HEARING OUT OF COURT A HOLD YEAR FILE NUMBER 22-DE L 1070

3 ALSO MR. ANDRE T.A. NGUYEN INEFFECTIVE COUNSEL HE DIDN'T EXCEPT MY FREE PHONE CALLS WHEN I CALL HIM TO TALK ABOUT MY CLEARING

ANDRE T.A. NGUYEN
SC BAR 102094

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The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Steve Lester,

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

Greenville County

Docket Nos.: 1975-GS-23-00427, 00429, 00430

ORDER

Petitioner filed a motion on February 27, 2019 for resentencing pursuant to Aiken v. Byars, 410 S.C. 534, 765 S.E.2d 572 (2014). Now, therefore, pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr. be vested with exclusive jurisdiction over the Petitioner's Motion for Resentencing in the above-captioned matter.

Judge Kinlaw shall at all times be vested with concurrent jurisdiction in all circuits of the state to dispose of matters relating to this case, and shall decide all matters pertaining to the Petitioner's Motion, and shall retain jurisdiction over this matter regardless of where he may be assigned to hold court, and may schedule such hearings as may be necessary at any time without regard as to whether there is a term of court scheduled.

If necessary, to resolve issues related to the appointment of counsel, a hearing shall be conducted within thirty (30) days of this order.

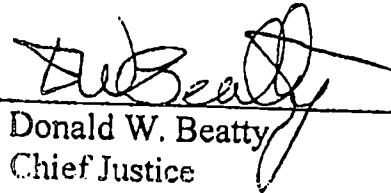
Within sixty (60) days of the date of this order, Judge Kinlaw shall issue a scheduling order setting forth the schedule that shall be followed in this matter,

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including the date of the hearing on the merits. The scheduling order may be amended as necessary.



Donald W. Beatty
Chief Justice

Columbia, South Carolina
March 1, 2019

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November 8, 2023

APPEAL COURT
MOTION
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RESPOND
ORDER CASE
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Steve Lester
Lee Correctional Institution
990 Wisacky Hwy.
Bishopville, SC 29010

Re: *State of South Carolina vs. Steven Lester*
Warrant Nos.: B21297 & 299, B22917
Indictment Nos.: 1975-GS-23-0427, 0429, & 0430

Dear Mr. Lester,

I was asked by Judge Alex Kinlaw, Jr. to meet with both Solicitor Allen Fretwell and himself on October 25, 2023 in Judge Kinlaw's chambers. At that meeting there was a discussion regarding your letters to the Court and what the resolution to the issue of the resentencing hearing would be. During the meeting both Solicitor Fretwell and I gave our opinions of your cause of action and after hearing from both of us, Judge Kinlaw signed an order that your motion for a resentencing hearing be denied. I have attached a copy of that order to this letter. Judge Kinlaw ruled that there was no avenue for which you qualify as a member of the class who is eligible for a resentencing hearing under Miller or Byers. He stated that you have not been sentenced to life without the possibility of parole and therefore, you are not entitled to a resentencing hearing.

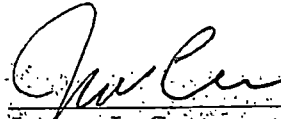
I think your best cause of action moving forward would be to hire an attorney who can be present with you at your next parole hearing to argue on your behalf. A case cited as Buchanan v. South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services was recently decided by the South Carolina Court of Appeals. In that case, Buchanan argued that continued denials by the

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parole board constituted an Eighth Amendment violation due to cruel and unusual punishment. Perhaps your attorney could fashion an argument on your behalf using some of the elements of that case to make a solid argument as to why you should be granted parole.

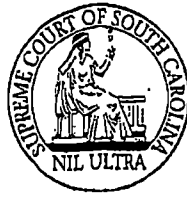
Should you have any questions or need any clarification on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office by either mail or by phone.

Sincerely,



Jeremy L. Crane
Attorney for Defendant
Bar number 103378

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Appellate Case 2022-001535

Mr. Crane:

Your client Steven Lester has written to the Court with concerns in his case. Since you are representing him I am forwarding a copy of his correspondence to you so you can follow up with him as to the status of this matter.

Sincerely,

Chief Deputy Clerk

Enclosure
cc: Mr. Steven Lester

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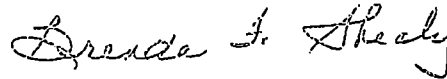
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Re: Steve Lester v. State of South Carolina.
Appellate Case No. 2022-001535

Dear Mr. Crane:

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Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
Mr. Steve Lester, #075259