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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 was initially scheduled for October 2023 but had to be continued. A hearing was held in this matter on December 15, 2023, at 2 p.m., in the Richland County courthouse and Judge Newman ruled the plea record was reconstructed. The transcript has been ordered and I will update the Court upon its receipt. In accordance with this Court's Order, I will provide another update in thirty days if necessary.

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