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VIA FACSIMILE AND US MAIL

The South Carolina Court of Appeals
Attention: Jenny A. Kitchings
Post Office Box 11629
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JAN 17 2024
SC Court of Appeals

Re: **State v. Ballam J. Alexander**
Appellate Case Number: 2023-000275

Dear Mrs. Kitchings:


I am the attorney who represented Mr. Alexander in the Circuit Court trial of the matter referenced above. Mr. Alexander recently received an *Anders* Letter from the Office of Indigent Defense and therefore reached out to me concerning a timing issue. Because he is incarcerated and has limited ability to contact your office – he asked that I reach out concerning the time limit listed in your December 12, 2023, letter (copy enclosed).

I left a message on the Court of Appeals answering machine on January 5, 2024, and just recently tried the Court's main telephone line again. I have not heard back from the Court and therefore am sending this letter to address Mr. Alexander's concern. Your letter to Mr. Alexander is dated December 12, 2023, but because he is incarcerated in a prison he did not receive the letter until December 23, 2023. Consequently, he has lost eleven (11) days of the listed forty-five (45) day window within which he has been provided to supply his *pro se* brief to the Court. Mr. Alexander is respectfully requesting an additional fifteen (15) days to submit his *pro se* brief to the Court. Unfortunately, he is of limited resources and his communication abilities are severely restricted because of his circumstance. Mr. Alexander asked that I make this request to the Court.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

With kind regards,

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