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SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
1015 Sumter St. P.O. Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: State v. Quentin Gause, Appellate Case No. 2011-194087

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On February 21, 2013, this Court held the above appeal in abeyance and partially remanded the case to the circuit court for a reconstruction hearing because trial counsel's motion to sever, appearing on pages 79-80 of the Supplemental Record on Appeal, is noted in the transcript as "not audible on tape." The Court also asked for status reports every thirty days. Status report letters were sent on March 25, 2013, May 6, 2013 and June 14, 2013. On July 25, 2013, this Court requested an update. Please allow this letter to serve as the thirty day update.

In an attempt to avoid a full reconstruction hearing, I obtained an affidavit from trial counsel on July 11, 2013. Today I will mail a copy of the affidavit to Don Zelenka with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office in the hope that we will be able to agree that the affidavit reflects the missing testimony from the transcript.

I hope this course of action is acceptable to the Court. I hope to resolve the matter as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathrine H. Hudgins  
Appellate Defender

Cc: Quentin Gause  
Donald J. Zelenka