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July 15, 2024

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: State v. James W. Owens, Appellate Case No. 2022-001458

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please allow this letter to serve as an update on the above-captioned case. This Court remanded this case to the Circuit Court for an attempt at reconstruction. Counsel was recently assigned this case after the departure of Breen Stevens from Appellate Defense.

Since taking over this case, counsel has completed his review of Appellate Defense's file, conferred by telephone with Mr. Stevens, arranged and conducted a telephone conference with Mr. Owens who is incarcerated, and sent a letter to the Circuit Court and the solicitor notifying them of the change in representation. Counsel hopes to speak soon with the solicitor to continue the negotiations Mr. Stevens began in hopes of resolving this case.

If the Court has any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Alexander", written over a horizontal line.

David Alexander
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Good Afternoon,

Attached for filing in the above-referenced case is the update letter to the Court of Appeals which will be filed today.

Thank you,
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