

July 22, 2024

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

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Re: *John Richard Wood v. State of South Carolina*
No. 2022-CP-23-06219

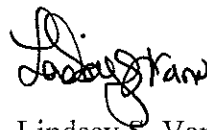
Dear Ms. Howard:

Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), and the Court's order dated November 17, 2022, I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case.

Mr. Wood's pre-hearing litigation is ongoing. The case had been stayed during the pendency of the *Owens v. Stirling*, No. 2022-001280. Although the *Owens* litigation is ongoing, the parties and Judge Knie agreed the issue of the proper procedures for seeking funding for expert and investigative services could be resolved. Judge Knie held a hearing on this issue on June 13, 2024 and subsequently issued instructions regarding her ruling and preparation of an order.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Lindsey S. Vann

cc: Melody Brown, Esq. (via email)
Judge Grace Knie (via email)