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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings  
South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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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 assigned this case in July after the departure of Breen Stevens from Appellate Defense.

Since the last update letter, counsel has met with his client in person at the prison, investigated items springing from that interview, and engaged in meaningful negotiations with the solicitor in an attempt to resolve this case. The solicitor and I have a call scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> to continue our efforts to resolve the case.

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

Sincerely,

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Appellate Defender

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