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September 16, 2024
Via electronic mail only

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
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In re: The State, Respondent v. John Richard Wood, Appellant;
Appellate Case No. 2002-022661 PCR Capital Case
John Richard Wood, Applicant v. The State, Respondent;
PCR Case No. 2022-CP-23-06219

Dear Madam Clerk:

I am writing to provide an update on the status of this pending Capital PCR action since my last update of June 13, 2024. I held a hearing on June 13, 2024, regarding the Applicant's Motion to Proceed Exparte in Funding Matters. In attendance at the hearing were Counsel for the Applicant, Lindsey S. Vann, Esq. and Emily Paavola, Esq. Also present was Melody Brown, Esq., of the SC Attorney General's Office on behalf of the Respondent. I issued an Order on the motion on June 26, 2024 which was recorded in Greenville County on July 29, 2024.

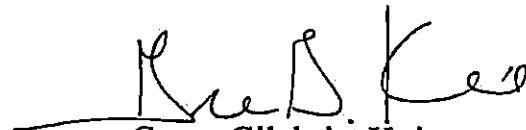
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Should you have any concerns or questions please contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Grace Gilchrist Knie
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