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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

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

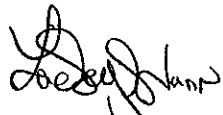
Dear Ms. Howard:

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. Following Judge Knie's ruling on preliminary procedural issues related to funding, prehearing investigation is ongoing.

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)