

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

BOBBY WAYNE STONE,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	CASE NO. 2:17-CV- 01221-MGL-MGB
vs.	)	
	)	
BRYAN P. STIRLING, Commissioner,	)	
South Carolina Department of Corrections,	)	
and LYDELL CHESTNUT, Deputy	)	
Warden, Broad River Correctional	)	
Institution,	)	
Respondents.	)	

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

The parties make the following joint status report pursuant to the Court's order dated October 15, 2024. [ECF No. 166]. Petitioner's state post-conviction relief action containing a freestanding claim under *Atkins v. Virginia*, 536 U.S. 304 (2002), remains pending. The Honorable William P. Keesley is assigned to the state court matter. Mr. Stone is represented in the post-conviction relief proceeding by Mr. Charles Grose and Ms. Rosalind Major. The State is represented by Ms. Melody Brown and Mr. Tommy Evans. Judge Keesley held the *Atkins* hearing on July 30 – 31, 2024. A transcript of that proceeding was received and provided to Judge Keesley on November 22, 2024. Mr. Stone's counsel requested 60 days for post-hearing briefing, and the State will have 30 days after receipt to file its post-hearing brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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