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January 8, 2025  
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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 correspondence of September 16, 2024. A Status Update letter was filed by Counsel for the Applicant on November 25, 2024. The Order for Exparte Funding was recorded in the Greenville County Clerk of Court's Office on November 28, 2024. I held a hearing on today, January 8, 2025, regarding the status of the case. In attendance at the hearing were Counsel for the Applicant, Lindsey S. Vann, Esq., and Emily C. Paavola, Esq. Also present was Melody J. Brown, Esq., of the SC Attorney General's Office on behalf of the Respondent. The Court Reporter was Linda Moffitt.

Counsel informed the Court that expert witnesses for the Applicant have been identified and are reviewing Applicant's records in preparation for assessment. Counsel for the State is going to propose an order for an independent evaluation.

Letter, Supreme Court of South Carolina

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

Sincerely,



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Circuit Court Judge  
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