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Subject: RE: UPDATE: South Carolina Execution Scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2025 at 6:00pm
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Please be advised that the federal district court has denied the motion for preliminary injunction in the federal civil matter referenced below. A notice of appeal has been filed.

A response to the Supreme Court filing was filed yesterday. The petition and application for stay are still pending.

Sincerely,

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Please be advised that as of this morning, the scheduled execution has not been stayed by order of any court.

Yesterday (Jan. 23), Mr. Bowman filed a petition for writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court of the United States along with a stay request. (Docket Numbers 24-6376 and 24A723). It

is presently anticipated that responses to both will be filed Monday (Jan. 27).

As to other litigation, Mr. Bowman still has a federal civil rights action pending regarding lethal injection drug information, C/A 3:25-cv-00199-JDA (documents are available on PACER). Mr. Bowman is seeking an injunction. A response in opposition was filed on January 22, 2025. The district court entered this text order yesterday: “requiring any reply from Plaintiff to 18 Defendants' response to 6 Plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction and request for expedited consideration be filed by 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2025.”

And, as previously mentioned, there is an entry for a pro se 28 U.S.C. § 2254 action in district court, C/A 8:25-cv-0247-SAL-WSB, along with a motion to stay the execution. The magistrate, without requiring a response, recommended dismissal as successive without authorization to file. However, Mr. Bowman's counsel relayed to the district court clerk's office that the filing is not believed to be from Mr. Bowman. Mr. Bowman subsequently filed an affidavit asserting that he neither filed nor authorized the filing and his counsel requested dismissal. The district court has now dismissed the action based on that request. (ECF No. 10).

Thus, the litigation presently pending is the Supreme Court petition and stay request, and the district court civil action and injunction request.

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Please be advised that the Supreme Court of South Carolina denied the petition for original jurisdiction habeas and the motion to stay the execution by order issued today, Jan. 16, 2025. A copy is attached.

As to other litigation, Mr. Bowman has a federal civil rights action pending regarding lethal injection drug information, C/A 3:25-cv-00199-JDA, and the documents are available on PACER. Mr. Bowman is seeking an injunction, and the district court judge has ordered a response to be filed by noon on January 22, 2025.

Also, there is an entry for a pro se 28 U.S.C. § 2254 action in district court, C/A 8:25-cv-0247-SAL-WSB, along with a motion to stay the execution. The magistrate, without requiring a response, has recommended dismissal as successive without authorization to file. However, Mr. Bowman's counsel has relayed to the district court clerk's office that the filing is not believed to be from Mr. Bowman. At this time, though, the action remains pending in district court.

As of this writing, the execution is still set for January 31st.

Sincerely,

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From: Melody Brown

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 10:25 AM

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Good morning:

Please be advised that as of this morning, the scheduled execution has not been stayed by

order of any court.

A petition for original jurisdiction habeas review in the Supreme Court of South Carolina remains pending. All filings in that matter are available through South Carolina's public access docket at <https://www.sccourts.org/c-track-public-access/>. The appellate case number is 2024-002113.

There is now a motion for stay of execution pending in the Supreme Court of South Carolina (filed 1/6/2025). The stay is requested to allow the Supreme Court of South Carolina to resolve the habeas petition filing. The State has filed its response in opposition. The motion and response are also available on the public docket. The appellate case number is 2025-000013.

I will advise once a ruling is received.

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Please accept this email as notice of an upcoming execution in South Carolina. The Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina issued an Execution Notice this morning (attached). By operation of statute, the execution must take place the fourth Friday after the notice is received. S.C. Code Ann. § 17-25-370. Consequently, the execution will be Friday, January 31, 2025. The time is set for 6:00 pm. Contact information for the attorneys follows.

PENDING LITIGATION: At this time, the only pending litigation regarding the conviction that I am aware of is a petition for writ of habeas corpus filed in the Supreme Court of South Carolina, Appellate Case No. 2024-002113. The State has filed its return opposing the petition.

COUNSEL:

For the State of South Carolina:

I may be reached at this email address, and my direct line at work is 803-734-3742. My cell phone number is 803-622-3582. I am the primary contact for the State.

I will add Joe Maye, Esq., to the email chain. His direct line at work is 803-734-3131, and his cell phone number is 803-429-8195. If I cannot be immediately reached, Mr. Maye will be available.

For Mr. Bowman:

The following attorneys are listed on the notice and their contact information follows:

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I am including Ms. Vann and Ms. Norris on this email so that you will have their email addresses, as well.

Sincerely,

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