

January 31, 2025

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
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Columbia, SC 29211

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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 circuit court held a status conference on January 8, 2025. Following the status conference, the parties submitted their positions on various parameters of the anticipated evaluation by the Department of Mental Health. The circuit court will hold a hearing on this matter. Applicant's investigation and evaluations are 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)