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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

February 3, 2025

Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Trenton M. Barnes v. The State  
Appellate Case No. 2023-001267

Dear Ms. Howard:

An evidentiary hearing was held on January 16, 2025. At this time, the Honorable George M. McFadden has the matter under advisement. A transcript has been ordered of the January 16, 2025, hearing. Petitioner will update the Court at the beginning of March or, if an order is received prior to that time, upon receipt of Judge McFadden's order.

Sincerely,

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Appellate Defender

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Trenton Barnes