

January 25, 2025

Re: Charles Winston #368128 V State of South Carolina
PCR Case No. 2019-CP-09-00058
Thank you for your assistance

I am writing this letter because I thank you for responding to my letter and to get a bit more help from you regarding it. I just received a letter from Mr. David Alexander from the SC Commission of Indigent Defense, stating that he would handle my Writ of Certiorari. While I appreciate someone helping me get back informed of my case's status, I still have not received any correspondence from my PCR attorney Mr. Arthur Aiken, in regards to the appeal that he promised my family he would file back in April of 2024. Nor the Honorable Judge Burch in regards to my motion to amend judgement which a copy of is enclosed. If I am not mistaken they have to address these issues before I can go forward with the Writ of Certiorari as written in the SC code of laws. I hope that as representatives of the Judicial system they will go by procedure as I have tried to. I also enclosed a copy of a letter from the Calhoun County Clerk of Court stating that they forwarded a copy to Mr. Arthur Aiken on May 3, 2024 which is proof that he is getting correspondence in regards to my case but chose not to function as my attorney. I still have not received a copy of a notice to appeal from him as he promised my family, and no correspondence involving my hearing, nor will he take my family's calls or return their messages, which I do not understand because I feel that grounds of my PCR clearly prove that a remand for a

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trial is necessary. Especially because as the transcript of the trial shows and proves that after trial counsel and trial judge waived the applicant's right to be present in the courtroom, trial counsel admits the applicant wants a jury trial, trial judge then admits that by law the applicant is entitled to one. And that the first thing they must do is to try to impanel an impartial jury. But they did not and proceeded with a bench trial instead. The applicant wanted a jury trial and a change of venue. Trial counsel wanted a bench trial. Trial counsel nor trial judge helped to ensure that applicant's right under state and federal constitutions to a jury trial was preserved. Trial counsel at PCR hearing stated he and applicant wanted the bench trial, but if that was the case then why did he put in a motion to change venue. As you can see I am fighting fiercely, and will never give up, because I am being unlawfully held.

Thank you in advance,

Sincerely,

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