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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: The State v. Michael Juan Smith  
Appellate Case No: 2023-001893

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The above-referenced matter is currently pending before this Court. With the court's permission, I respectfully request to please be substituted as counsel of record for the State in place of Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Mark R. Farthing as I intend to represent the State in this matter going forward. Please forward all future correspondence regarding this matter directly to me, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information from this office. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

J. Benjamin Aplin  
Assistant Attorney General  
S.C. Bar Number 8729

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cc: Sarah E. Shipe, Esquire (*via electronic mail*)  
Victim Advocacy Division