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May 18, 2012

Mr. Dan Shearouse
Clerk of the S.C. Supreme Court
ATTN: Debbie Hopkins
S.C. Court Administration
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, S.C. 29211

RE: Kenneth Justus vs. State of S.C.
Case No. 11-CP-18-1933

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

This letter is sent to you pursuant to *In Re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996). Please consider this letter as a status report to Court Administration, as required every 60 days, regarding this capital PCR case and the current stay of execution concerning Mr. Justus. This letter was due on: May 21, 2012.

The assigned Circuit Court Judge Kristi Lea Harrington held an appointment hearing on March 20, 2012, and appointed myself and attorney L. Lesesne Hendricks Jr. On April 24, 2012, Judge Harrington issued a Scheduling Order, setting this case for an evidentiary hearing for March 18, 2013, along with other related matters.

The next status letter will issue to you on or about: July 20, 2012. Please feel free to call me with any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey P. Bloom

cc: Anthony Mabry, Asst. Attorney General
L. Lesesne Hendricks Jr., Esq.