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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Date: May 23, 2012

VIA FACSIMILE

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211
803-734-1499 (fax)

Re: *Steven Vernon Bixby v. South Carolina*
Case Number: 2011-CP-01-110

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

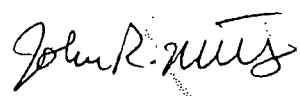
Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case.

On May 21, 2012, Mr. Bixby filed his Third Amended Application for Post-Conviction Relief.

John Mills has continued to interview potential witnesses, to collect records related to Mr. Bixby, and to meet with Mr. Bixby. Mr. Westbrook has reviewed the transcript, critical case documents, and began to get up to speed on the case. Both counsel have identified and met with potential expert witnesses and worked with the mitigation specialist to develop claims.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John R. Mills
Attorney

cc: Daniel J. Westbrook, Esq.