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S.C. SUPREME COURT

October 7, 2013

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Donald Hugh Johnson, 322348 v. State of South Carolina; 2010-CP-42-5375.
Appellate Case No. 2012-213435

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I have now thoroughly reviewed the State's Return in this Post-Conviction Relief appeal, and I have concluded that a Reply is not necessary. I am very sorry that my unusually heavy schedule kept me from reaching this conclusion sooner. My client and I thank the Court for its patience in allowing me an opportunity to thoroughly review the State's Return and make this decision. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T'.

Tara Dawn Shurling
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cc: Suzanne H. White, Assistant Attorney General
Donald Hugh Johnson, 322348
Randy Scott Johnson