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Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
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Re: Trenton M. Barnes v. The State
Appellate Case No. 2023-001267

Dear Ms. Howard:

Both parties have been informed of the PCR Court's ruling and Judge McFadden has requested that the state draft a proposed order denying relief. The transcript from the January 16, 2025, hearing has been ordered but has not yet been received. Upon receipt of the transcript and Judge McFadden's final signed order, the matter will be ready to return to the Court under the terms of the remand. In other cases, counsel for petitioner has filed a new notice of appeal following the final order on remand. Absent contrary guidance from the Court, and out of an abundance of caution, petitioner will file a new notice of appeal in this matter at the appropriate time.

Sincerely,

Gary H. Johnson
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cc: D. Russell Barlow, Esquire
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