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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: *Jerome Jenkins, Jr. v. State of South Carolina*
Appellate Case No. 2019-001280
PCR Case No. 2022-CP-26-08071

Dear Ms. Howard:

Please allow Mr. Warren and I to respond to your letter of today's date requesting "a detailed response, setting forth the current status of the matter, including any hearings that have been scheduled or held since the order of continuance was issued" on November 28, 2023 and filed on December 1, 2023. Ex. A.

At the appointment of counsel hearing on June 21, 2023, the State requested an opportunity to file a motion to prohibit *ex parte* funding requests and orders. The State further requested that no *ex parte* funding requests or orders be received until a ruling is issued on the State's motion. Judge Griffin granted the State's request and issued a scheduling order, dated July 19, 2023, which allowed the State until July 21, 2023, to file its motion. Ex. B.

On July 5, 2023, the State submitted its Motion to Prohibit *Ex Parte* Funding Requests and Orders. Ex. C. On August 18, 2023, Mr. Jenkins submitted his Response to the State's Motion to Prohibit *Ex Parte* Funding Requests and Orders. Ex. D.

On November 28, 2023, Mr. Jenkins moved to continue the evidentiary hearing scheduled for December 4, 2023 based on "good cause shown" pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-160(C), including the pending Motion to Prohibit *Ex Parte* Funding Requests and Orders, noting that "[s]eeking funding prior to the disposition of the Motion would materially prejudice [Mr. Jenkins] and provide the State with privileged information and attorney work-product." Ex. E. By email, Judge Griffith asked counsel for Mr. Jenkins to prepare a proposed order granting the motion. Ex. F. On November 28, 2023, Judge Griffith issued the order, which was filed on December 1, 2023, continuing the evidentiary hearing. Ex. A.

The State's Motion to Prohibit *Ex Parte* Funding Requests and Orders remains pending. Since the order of continuance, there have not been any hearings scheduled, pleadings filed, or orders issued. Pursuant to the order dated July 19, 2023, Mr. Jenkins has not submitted any *ex parte* funding requests.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

s/E. Charles Grose, Jr.
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cc: The Honorable R. Kirk Griffin
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