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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 11330  
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: *Bobby Wayne Stone v. State of South Carolina*  
PCR Case No. 2018-CP-43-01205  
60 Day Status Report

Dear Ms. Howard:

This letter is the sixty-day status report pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996).

Mr. Stone's capital federal habeas corpus case, *Stone v. Stirling*, C/A No. 2:17-cv-01221-MGL-MGB, is stayed pending the resolution of this successive post-conviction relief case. Both Mr. Stone's retained expert and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs designated examiner opined that Mr. Stone is a person with an Intellectual Disability and, therefore, ineligible for the death penalty pursuant to *Atkins v. Virginia*, 536 U.S. 304 (2002).

Judge Keesley convened an evidentiary hearing on July 30-31, 2024. At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge Keesley allowed parties to obtain a transcript of the hearing and submit post-hearing briefs. Mr. Stone submitted his post-hearing brief on February 4, 2025, the State responded on April 7, 2025, and Mr. Stone replied on May 2, 2025.

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 William P. Keesley  
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