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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State v. William David Watkins – Appellate Case No. 2025-000716

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The above-referenced criminal appeal is currently pending before this Court. Please be advised that, earlier today, the undersigned counsel for the State received information—which has been included as an attachment to this letter—from personnel at the South Carolina Department of Corrections confirming the appellant, William David Watkins, died on June 6, 2025, during the pendency of his appeal. In light of that information, the State respectfully requests this Court dismiss the above-referenced appeal as the appellant's death has rendered it moot. Cf. State v. Miller, 409 S.C. 312, 312, 762 S.E.2d 394, 394-395 (2014) (dismissing an appeal as moot subsequent to the death of Miller during the pendency of the appeal). Thank you for your attention to this request, and, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (803) 734-4117.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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04/09/2025	KIRKLAND		R&E PROCESSING				INCARCERATED
04/09/2025	PERRY		NEW ADMISSION				INCARCERATED
02/01/2008	UNK		EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE				RELEASE
10/10/2006	KERSHAW		ADMINISTRATIVE				INCARCERATED
09/11/2006	KIRKLAND		R&E PROCESSING				INCARCERATED
09/11/2006	PERRY		PROBATION VIOLATOR				INCARCERATED
05/09/2005	GREENVILLE CO		RELEASED TO PROBATION				PROBATION
05/09/2005	KIRKLAND		R&E PROCESSING				INCARCERATED
05/09/2005	PERRY		NEW ADMISSION				INCARCERATED

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