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Via electronic mail only

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
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In re: The State, Respondent v. John Richard Wood, Appellant;
Appellate Case No. 2002-022661, PCR Capital Case;
John Richard Wood, Applicant v. The State, Respondent;
PCR Case No. 2022-CP-23-06219

Dear Madam Clerk:

I am writing to provide an update on the status of this pending Capital PCR action since my last update correspondence. On March 10, 2025, I issued an Order for Competency to be Executed Evaluation Pursuant to *Singleton v. State*. The parties provided all relevant materials to the Department of Mental Health on May 1, 2025. DMH has scheduled an evaluation of Mr. Wood for June 18, 2025. A written report from DMH must be submitted to the Circuit Court as soon as practicable, but no later than 30 days after the examination of Mr. Wood. Following the evaluation, the Circuit Court intends to conduct an evidentiary hearing on the issues of Mr. Wood's competency.

Letter, Supreme Court of South Carolina

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Should you have any concerns or questions please contact my office.

Sincerely,



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