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June 20, 2025

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
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Re: The State v. Joshua K. Brookins
Appellate Case No. 2024-001212

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On May 20, 2025, our office sent Mr. Brookins an affidavit of indigency, after the Court of Appeals instructed our office to screen him for indigency in its order dated May 19, 2025. Mr. Brookins was told he needed to return this fully completed, notarized affidavit to our office by June 3, 2025. On June 6, 2025, Mr. Brookins and his trial counsel were notified of a second and final deadline of June 16, 2025 to return his completed, notarized affidavit.

Our office received an affidavit of indigency from Mr. Brookins on June 18, 2025, however, it was not notarized. He indicated that he attempted to have it notarized but was unable due to administrative complications within the Department of Corrections. We cannot screen Mr. Brookins for our services since we do not have his completed, notarized affidavit of indigency, and therefore cannot accept his case for appellate representation because we cannot determine if he is indigent.

Our office sent Mr. Brookins another affidavit of indigency to complete and have notarized today, June 20, 2025. I will continue to update the Court on the status of his affidavit of indigency. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. M. Dudek", is written over a large, stylized blue flourish.

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

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cc: Jennifer Cloud, Esquire
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