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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(via e-filing only - supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: Trenton M. Barnes, #362454 v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No: 2023-001267
Lower Case No: 2018-CP-40-03077

Dear Ms. Howard:

This correspondence serves as a response to the Court's request for an update regarding the aforementioned case. Respondent acknowledges receipt of the PCR transcript and is currently engaged in the process of preparing the proposed order pertinent to this matter. Respondent aims to finalize the proposed order and submit it to counsel by Monday, July 21, 2025, for review. Following counsel's examination of the proposed order, and provided that there are no significant concerns or amendments required, the Respondent plans to submit the proposed order to Judge McFaddin thereafter.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Gary H. Johnson, II, Counsel for Petitioner (*via email only*)