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Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk  
South Carolina Court of Appeals  
1220 Senate Street  
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Dear Clerk,

This letter responds to the Court's request dated August 11, 2025, regarding the screening by the Office of Indigent Defense in regards to State v. Sheila M. Scruggs, Appellate Case No. 2024-001945.

I am unaware of whether or not OID has attempted to contact Ms. Scruggs directly at her correct mailing address as indicated below. I have sent Ms. Scruggs numerous letters explaining the appellate process and that my representation was expressly limited to filing and handling a Rule 29 Motion from her guilty plea in which she was represented by James Cheek of Spartanburg. My fee agreement expressly excludes my representation of an appeal in the case. On March 20, 2025, Ms. Scruggs call me in response to my several letters. We discussed the letters, the status of the appeal, the need for her to immediately send SCCID a properly completed affidavit of indigent status, and the possible consequences if she did not contact the Court or SCCID immediately. She indicated to me that she understood my letters, the status of the appeal and the need for her to submit an affidavit of indigent status to SCCID immediately if she wished to have them review her affidavit to allow them to engage in her appeal.

I have provided Ms. Scruggs with the address and phone number (803) 734-1330 for SCCID and copies of the affidavit of indigent status numerous times. I have also provided her with all of the documents relating to the appeal to date and will forward her a copy of this letter along with the Court's letter of August 11, 2025. Ms. Scruggs has two phone numbers that she can be reached by if SCCID would like to call her.

Respectfully,

s/J. Falkner Wilkes, 12893  
J. Falkner Wilkes

c: (following page)  
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All other interested parties served a copy via AIS email.