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September 24, 2025

Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
PO Box 11629  
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Re: The State v. Steven L. Samuel  
Appellate Case No. 2024-001380

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This correspondence responds to your letter dated September 23, 2025, inquiring about the status of the transcripts in the above-entitled case. To date, the undersigned is still awaiting receipts of the transcripts from the hearings on December 13, 2022, August 16, 2023, and September 11, 2024. Correspondence with Court Reporter Lisa Carter dated September 24, 2025 regarding these transcripts is attached to this letter as Exhibit A. Undersigned counsel will notify this Court as soon as the outstanding transcripts have been received.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessica M. Saxon", is written over a horizontal line.

Jessica M. Saxon  
Appellate Defender

JMS/kpw

cc: Melody J. Brown, Esquire

Warren, Kaylynn

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**From:** White, Della  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2025 12:23 PM  
**To:** Warren, Kaylynn  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Re: Steven Samuel/ Darlington Co./Burch

I will keep you posted!

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**From:** Carter, Felecia <FCarter@sccourts.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2025 12:09 PM  
**To:** White, Della <dwhite@sccid.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Steven Samuel/ Darlington Co./Burch

Della,

I hope you are well! I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I am currently on vacation this week. You sent me the dates of:

**Dec. 13, 2022-** I was not the court reporter.

**May 25, 2023-** I emailed you this one on 7/25/25.

**August 16, 2023-** I was the court reporter and I don't know why I haven't done it. I will have it done for you asap.

**September 11, 2024-** I was not the court reporter. I was working in Dillon that week.

I am going to contact Jeff myself and see if he can send me the audio of all these others and see if we can't get them done for you. The only two we need, after I do mine, is September 11<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>, right?

I'll let you know as soon as I hear something.

Thanks,

Lisa

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**From:** White, Della <dwhite@sccid.sc.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2025 4:09 PM  
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Hey Lisa,

## EXHIBIT A

Hope you are well.

I just wanted to check on these transcripts for Mr. Samuel.

December 13, 2022

May 25, 2023

August 16, 2023

September 11, 2024

Please let me know if you need additional information! Thank you so much and have a nice rest of the week 🌸

Della

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