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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 September 23, 2025, I issued an Order Denying the Respondent's Motion for Additional Interview for Competency to be Executed Evaluation. All evaluations regarding competency have been completed and exchanged. I now intend to schedule an evidentiary hearing on the issues of Mr. Wood's competency which of course will be coordinated with Counsel.

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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