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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: *John Richard Wood v. State of South Carolina*
No. 2022-CP-23-06219

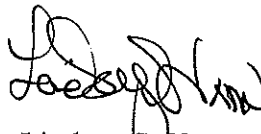
Dear Ms. Howard:

Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), the Court's order dated November 17, 2022, I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case.

All evaluations in this competency to be executed action have been completed. On September 23, 2025, the circuit court denied the State's Motion for Additional Interview and indicated it would coordinate with counsel to schedule an evidentiary hearing to make a determination of Mr. Wood's competency to be executed. Accordingly, counsel for Mr. Wood are preparing for a hearing in this matter.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Lindsey S. Vann

cc: Melody Brown, Esq. (via email)
Judge Grace Knie (via email)