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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Stephen Corey Bryant  
Appellate Case No: 2008-103130 (Sumter County Death Sentence).

Dear Ms. Howard:

Today, the Supreme Court of the United States issued an order denying Mr. Bryant's petition for writ of certiorari in which he attempted to challenge the denial of federal habeas corpus relief. (Attached Order List, *see* Docket No. 25-5317). Given this denial, Mr. Bryant has exhausted his ordinary remedies and does not have any currently pending action(s) challenging his Sumter County death sentence. The State is not aware of any stay in place to prevent the issuance of the execution notice since the district court stay entered for the pendency of the federal proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2251(a) should be satisfied with the denial of the certiorari petition.

By copy of this letter I am serving opposing counsel, John G. Baker, Esquire, Gretchen L. Swift, Esquire, Laura K. McCready and E. Charles Grose, Esquire via email.

Sincerely,

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