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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: *Bobby Wayne Stone v. State of South Carolina*
PCR Case No. 2018-CP-43-01205
60 Day Status Report

Dear Ms. Howard:

This letter is the sixty-day status report pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996).

Mr. Stone's capital federal habeas corpus case, *Stone v. Stirling*, C/A No. 2:17-cv-01221-MGL-MGB, is stayed pending the resolution of this successive post-conviction relief case.

On July 28, 2025, Judge Keesley issued a Memorandum Order, a copy of which is enclosed, ruling Mr. Stone "met the necessary burden of proof" that he is a person with an intellectual disability and ineligible for the death penalty pursuant to *Atkins v. Virginia*, 536 U.S. 304 (2002), and *Franklin v. Maynard*, 356 S.C. 276, 588 S.E.2d 604 (2003). Judge Keesley further directed counsel for Mr. Stone "to submit a more detailed proposed order granting the relief requested," which counsel submitted on August 15, 2025. The State submitted comments on the proposed order on August 22, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,
s/E. Charles Grose, Jr.
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cc: The Honorable William P. Keesley
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