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December 8, 2025

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

RE: Preston Shands, Jr., #168699 Appellant -vs- State of South Carolina, Respondent
2020-CP-30-00211

Dear Ms. Howard:

I was appointed to represent Mr. Shands in a post-conviction relief action. Judge Sprouse has denied him relief and dismissed the action. Mr. Shands has instructed me to file an appeal.

Enclosed, for filing, please find the following relating to this matter:

- 1) A copy of Judge Sprouse's written order;
- 2) A Notice of Appeal;
- 3) A Proof of Service and Corrected Proof of Service, and
- 4) A Certificate of Filing (as to the filing of the Notice of Appeal and Proof of Service and Corrected Proof of Service in the Laurens County Court).

I am turning this matter over to the Office of Appellate Defense for any further proceedings.

Sincerely yours,



Don A. Thompson

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