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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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Re: The State v. Mark Elliott Martin, Jr. -- Appellate Case No. 2025-002314

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please be advised that I will be representing the State in this pending matter involving a suppression motion filed pursuant to the South Carolina Homeland Security Act. Accordingly, please add me as counsel of record for the State and forward all future correspondence regarding this matter directly to me.

Also, under the unusual circumstances involved in this matter, the State respectfully asks this Court to hold the time period for the filing of the State's return to the suppression motion in abeyance pending receipt of the transcript from a suppression hearing that appears to have already been held on this issue before the Honorable Charles J. McCutchen, circuit court judge, around the time the suppression motion was filed with this Court. The State has already requested a copy of the transcript from that hearing and will notify the Court promptly as soon as it is received.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request, and, if you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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