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Re: Shawndell Q. McClenton v. State
Appellate Case No. 2025-001385

Dear Petitioner:

Your counsel has submitted a petition for writ of certiorari pursuant to *Austin v. State* and *Johnson v. State*, indicating that this appeal is without merit and moves to be relieved as your counsel. *Austin v. State*, 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991); *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988). The records of this Court reflect that counsel served you with a copy of the Petitions and Appendix.

If you would like to file a *pro se* response to the petition filed by your counsel, any such response must be filed within forty-five (45) days. In this response, you may raise and argue any issues you believe the Court should consider in this appeal. If file a *pro se* response, the response must be either typewritten or legibly handwritten, and it must have at least an inch margin on all sides. Further, you will need to only submit one copy of your response, and this copy should not be stapled or bound in any manner.

Very truly yours,

Patricia A. Howard

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