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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: *Timothy Ray Jones, Jr. v. State of South Carolina*, Case No. 2024-CP-32-01312

Dear Ms. Howard,

Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), and this Court's order dated March 27, 2024, I am writing to report on the status of the above referenced capital post-conviction relief case.

Mr. Jones' pre-hearing litigation is ongoing. On January 13, 2026, the Court issued an order appointing John Warren as replacement counsel in this matter. Following the appointment of substitute counsel, the Court and counsel convened for a status conference via WebEx to discuss next steps in these proceedings. At the status conference, counsel indicated concerns about Mr. Jones competency in these proceedings and Judge Hood requested counsel draft a proposed order for a competency evaluation. Counsel also discussed scheduling matters and requested a proposed scheduling order be submitted for the Court to sign. Both proposed orders have been submitted to the Court.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Rosalind Major

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