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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
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**Re: Samuel Smiley v, State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2025-000337**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Please find attached for filing, Brief of Respondent Pursuant to White v. State and a Certificate of Service, in the matter of Samuel Smiley v. State, Appellate Case No. 2025-000337. Respondent is not challenging the PCR court's finding that Mr. Smiley is entitled to a belated direct appeal pursuant to White v. State.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Garry Howard Johnson, II, Esquire, Counsel for Petitioner (*via email only*)