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February 19, 2026

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Ronald Tyrone Downs, Jr. v. The State
Appellate Case No. 2025-001171

Dear Ms. Howard:

This Court issued an Order on November 15, 2025, remanding this case to the circuit court to reconstruct the record of the February 19, 2015 evidentiary hearing held before Judge Daniel D. Hall.

On December 17, 2025, Judge Hall set this matter for a reconstruction hearing on January 26, 2026. Due to inclement weather, this hearing was continued to February 2, 2026. Again, due to inclement weather, this hearing was continued to February 11, 2026. This hearing occurred as scheduled on February 11, 2026, at the Greenville County Courthouse. Judge Hall took the matter under advisement.

Undersigned counsel will continue to provide this Court with updates every fifteen days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Chandler Norville".

W. Chandler Norville
Appellate Defender

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cc: The Honorable Daniel D. Hall
Tommy Evans, Jr., Esquire
D. Russell Barlow, II, Esquire