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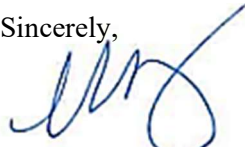
**RE: The State v. Antonio J. Green Jr.
Appellate Case No.: 2025-001730**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this correspondence as my response to the Court's letter dated February 11, 2026 regarding the status of the transcript. I am not retained to represent Antonio Green for this appeal. I sent him an Affidavit of Indigency to complete and forward to the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense on September 4, 2025. Unfortunately the affidavit was never returned either to my office or to Indigent Defense. During this time two extensions were granted for ordering the transcript. Ultimately I made contact with SCDC's Office of General Counsel and with their assistance Mr. Green completed his affidavit on February 17, 2026. That same day I forwarded the affidavit to Indigent Defense.

At this time I have not received confirmation that the Commission on Indigent Defense has completed Mr. Green's eligibility screening. For this reason, I am respectfully requesting an additional thirty (30) days' time for Mr. Green to request the transcript in the underlying case. This requested extension will allow Mr. Green time to obtain appellate counsel and provide his new counsel additional time to request the transcript. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



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