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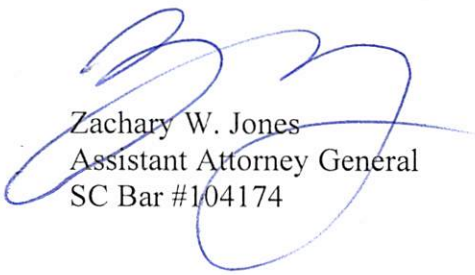
The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: The State v. Mathew Gillespie  
Appellate Case No: 2025-000562

Dear Ms. Howard:

The above-referenced matter is currently pending before this Court. With the Court's permission, I respectfully request to please be substituted as counsel of record for the State in place of Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Mark R. Farthing as I am now representing the State in this matter. Please forward all future correspondence regarding this matter directly to me, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information from this office. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

  
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Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar #104174

ZWJ/ss

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