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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk of Court, S.C. Court of Appeals
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RE: State of South Carolina v. Luther Tollie Norris, Jr.
Appellate Case No. 2012-212431

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Pursuant to this Court's Order dated November 4, 2013, I am writing to provide an additional update on the status of the remand in the above referenced matter. Judge Clifton Newman held a hearing on the defendant's motion for reconsideration on December 5, 2013. At this hearing, the solicitor agreed that the defendant could not be sentenced to life without parole due to a lack of sufficient predicate offenses. Judge Newman reconsidered the sentence on the distribution charge and changed the sentence on that charge from 15 years to 12 years. Defense counsel made a motion concerning the "knowledge" element of the proximity charge, and Judge Newman agreed to take this motion under advisement pending receipt of the trial transcript and additional argument by the parties, if desired. The trial transcript was submitted to Judge Newman's law clerk on December 6, 2013. I will notify the Court as soon as I become aware of additional information.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 734-3713 should there be any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


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