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Re: The State v. John Allen Bryant, Jr.  
Appellate Case No. 2025-001464

Dear Ms. Keegan:

This letter is to confirm our office received Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case and to advise you that I will be representing the State in this appeal. Please forward all future correspondence regarding this matter directly to me.

I look forward to working with you on this case.

Sincerely,

J. Benjamin Aplin  
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cc: The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings (copy via electronic mail)  
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