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Wanda H. Carter, Chief Appellate Defender

May 20, 2026

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: State v. Jarquez Cooper - **Appellate Case No. 2024-000902**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The initial brief of appellant in the above-titled case is due to be served and filed with this Court today. Upon review, it has come to counsel's attention that the very end of his trial was not transcribed. The transcript of trial concludes following jury charge and the case being submitted for deliberation. However, the verdict, potential polling, post-trial motions, and sentence are not included. The Court Reporter has been contacted (a copy of the communication is attached with this letter) to determine if the missing material is available for transcription. If the missing material is unavailable, counsel would intend to file for a remand to reconstruct the record of the missing portions of the trial transcript. Counsel hereby requests the time limits for briefing be held in abeyance pending response from the Court Reporter. Two Extension Requests have been filed in reference to this case.

I am available should any questions arise in connection with this matter or if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,


Gary H. Johnson
Appellate Defender

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cc: Melody J. Brown, Esq.

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Good morning,
I went back and reviewed the court reporters notes and the audio for the last day wasn't uploaded.
[REDACTED]@yahoo.com we need the audio for the last day (714094) to complete this transcript request.

Thank you
Cordelia Coath

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Cordelia,

Please see Della's note below. Is there any other audio for Cooper? Thank you.



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