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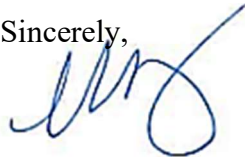
**SC Court of Appeals**

RE: The State v. Hesed Yoseph Deas  
Appellate Case No.: 2025-002185

Dear Sir or Madam:

Hesed Yoseph Deas still has yet to be screened by the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense. My office has provided him with an Affidavit of Indigency to complete on multiple occasions, both via U.S. Mail and through the SCDC Office of General Counsel. We previously forwarded to Appellate Defense the affidavit Mr. Deas completed, signed, and had notarized; however it was deemed deficient. Appellate Defense have mailed him blank affidavits to complete and return as well. Appellate Defense cannot take his case until their screening process is complete. For this reason, I am respectfully requesting additional time for Mr. Deas to request the transcript in the underlying case. Please grant this extension so that I may coordinate with Appellate Defense to get Mr. Deas screened and ensure he has proper representation for this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Melisa W. Gay