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

RE: State v. Keyarra Zakyah Gosa – Appellate Case No. 2026-001069

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The above-referenced criminal appeal, which was initiated through the filing of a notice of appeal accompanied by an explanation referencing Rule 203(B)(iv) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, currently remains pending before this Court. However, on June 23, 2026, this Court issued an order dismissing this matter based on the appellant's failure to provide a sufficient guilty plea explanation pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv).

Earlier today, Keyarra Zakyah Gosa, the appellant, filed a timely motion seeking the reinstatement of her appeal. As support for that request, Gosa has explained the conviction she is attempting to appeal resulted from a jury verdict after a trial instead of a guilty plea.

In light of that, the undersigned counsel for the State verified Gosa's conviction for accessory after the fact to voluntary manslaughter did, in fact, result from a jury verdict. Accordingly, under such circumstances, the State agrees Gosa's appeal should be reinstated and respectfully asks this Court to grant the motion seeking reinstatement. Thank you very much, and, if you have any questions or concerns or if a more formal return is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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