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Jody L. Ward, 00300644
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Re: Jody Lynn Ward v. State
Appellate Case No. 2025-001703

Dear Mr. Ward:

Your counsel has filed a petition for writ of certiorari indicating that this appeal is without merit and moves to be relieved as your counsel. *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d. 201 (1988). The records in this office reflect counsel has served you with a copy of the Petition and Appendix.

You may, within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter, file with this Court a *pro se* response addressing any issues you believe the Court should consider in this appeal. Upon receipt of your *pro se* response or the expiration of forty-five (45) days, this matter will be submitted to the Court for its consideration.

If you decide to file a *pro se* response, the response must be either typewritten or legibly hand-printed, and must have at least an inch margin on all sides. Further, you will need to only submit one copy of your response, and this copy should not be stapled or bound in any manner.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jasmine D. Smith, Deputy".

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