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Re: Preston R. Oates v. State
TRANSCRIPT UPDATE
Appellate Case No. 2026-000818

Dear Ms. Howard:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the transcript requests in the above-referenced case. On May 13, 2026, I requested the April 17, 2025, and April 24, 2025, PCR hearing transcripts.

On June 22, 2026, I received the April 24, 2025, transcript from the court reporter.

My office has been in contact with Court Reporter Cathy Young regarding the April 17, 2025, transcript. Ms. Young has been granted an extension to **September 17, 2026**, to prepare and deliver this transcription. As required by the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, I will notify the Court upon receipt of the April 17, 2025, transcript.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ Dayne Phillips

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