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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Marcus Wright v. State – Appellate Case # 2025-001691

Dear Ms. Howard:

The above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is currently scheduled for oral argument before this Court at 10:00 a.m. on September 16, 2026, during the term of court set to be held at Clemson University. Pursuant to Rule 208(b)(7) and Rule 243(j) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, the State believes the following supplemental citation may be relevant to this Court's resolution of the case: State v. Turner, 429 So. 3d 179 (La. 2026) (holding—in a case involving a claim defense counsel was constitutionally ineffective for preventing the defendant from testifying—that “where a defendant is on collateral review and alleges defense counsel’s conduct resulted in structural error, such a post-conviction relief claim is reviewed under Strickland” and, thus, the defendant must show “a reasonable probability of a different outcome in their trial, absent the attorney error of refusing to let him testify”). A copy of the referenced decision has been included with this letter. Thanks, and please just let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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