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Mr. Elliott Hatton, #158373
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Re: Elliott Hatton v. State
Appellate Case No. 2013-002469

Dear Hatton:

This responds to your letter to Mr. Ariail dated January 10, 2013. Your *pro se* explanation under Rule 243(c), SCACR, must be filed with this Court by January 30, 2014. Failure to submit a *pro se* response or to submit an adequate *pro se* explanation may result in the dismissal of this matter.

Further, contrary to your assertion in your letter, the time to order any necessary transcripts or to serve and file a petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter will not begin to run until after this Court determines that an adequate explanation has been made under Rule 243(c), SCACR. If an adequate explanation is submitted, the Division of Appellate Defense will then make a determination as to whether that office will represent you in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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cc: R. Mills Ariail, Jr., Esquire
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