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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211
(by email only – supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: **George M. Adams, #181283 v. State of South Carolina**
Appellate Case No: 2026-000030

Dear Ms. Howard:

This correspondence responds to the request for an update regarding the above-referenced matter. On September 16, 2026, a hearing was held before the Honorable B. Alex Hyman at the Richland County Courthouse. My office received communication from Judge Hyman this morning stating that the PCR court denied Mr. Adams's PCR application on the ground that he did not voluntarily waive his right to a direct appeal of his 1991 guilty plea. My office requested the transcript of the hearing on September 17, 2026. Upon receipt of the hearing transcript, I will submit the proposed order to Judge Hyman for his consideration.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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