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January 24, 2014

Mr. Elliott Hatton, #158373
Perry Correctional Institution
430 Oaklawn Road
Pelzer SC 29669

Re: Elliott Hatton v. State
Appellate Case No. 2013-002469

Dear Hatton:

This responds to your letter dated January 21, 2013. R. Mills Ariail, Jr., Esquire, remains as your counsel of record in this matter under Rule 71.1(g) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 264(a) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). Therefore, this Court has not issued any order appointing Mr. Ariail as your counsel.

If the Division of Appellate Defense determines that it will represent you in this matter, Mr. Ariail will be automatically relieved under Rule 602, SCACR. It should be noted that Appellate Defense will not make this determination until *after* this Court determines that an adequate explanation has been made under Rule 243(c), SCACR.

If Appellate Defense determines that it will provide representation, it will then order any necessary transcripts. Your *pro se* Rule 243(c) explanation will, therefore, have to be submitted prior to any transcripts being ordered or delivered in this matter. Please remember that your *pro se* explanation must be filed by

January 30, 2014.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: R. Mills Ariail, Jr., Esquire
Karen Christine Ratigan, Esquire