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Re: Eugene Thomas v. State
Appellate Case No. 2026-002535

Dear Counsel,

This Court has received your notice of appeal, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

For this matter to proceed, you will need to provide this Court with the following within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter:

Since the order of the circuit court determined that this action is barred as being successive and/or as being untimely under the statute of limitations, Rule 243(c), SCACR, requires you to provide a written explanation as to why this determination was improper. This explanation must contain sufficient facts, argument and citation to legal authority to show that there is an arguable basis for asserting that the determination by the lower court was improper. The failure to make a sufficient showing may result in the dismissal of this matter.

Since you have filed multiple post-conviction relief applications challenging the underlying criminal conviction, the Court, if it determines that you have failed to provide an adequate explanation under Rule 243(c), SCACR, may decide to prohibit you from filing a post-conviction relief application, habeas corpus action or any other action, motion or petition in the circuit court challenging this conviction and sentence (including a motion under Rule 29 of the South Carolina Rules of Criminal Procedure) without first obtaining the permission of this Court to do so. If you believe that there is some reason(s) why such a prohibition should not be imposed on future filings by you in the circuit court, those reasons should be provided within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02.

Please note that the responsibility for ensuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will not review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Howard

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cc: Sydney Nicole Willingham