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S.C. SUPREME COURT

RE: *Stephen C. Stanko v. State of South Carolina*
Case Number: 2014-CP-26-035

Dear Ms. Frierson and Mr. Shearouse:

Pursuant to the Supreme Court order dated 11/7/2013 regarding the above referenced capital PCR action, I provide the following status of this case:

- 1/6/2014: The application for post-conviction relief is filed with the clerk of court for Horry County, SC.
- 2/4/2014: Emily C. Paavola is appointed lead counsel and Lindsey Vann is appointed second counsel for the applicant by order dated 2/4/2014.
- 2/21/2014: Status conference held in judge's chambers at Horry County Judicial Center. Emily C. Paavola, Lindsey S. Vann and Anthony Mabry attended the status conference.

A scheduling order was issued.

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With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



Benjamin H. Culbertson

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