

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

The State, Respondent,

v.

William O. Dickerson, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2009-133266

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## ORDER

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Appellant was convicted of first degree murder, kidnapping and criminal sexual conduct and was sentenced to death. State v. Dickerson, 395 S.C. 101, 716 S.E.2d 895 (2011). This Court denied appellant's petition for rehearing. The United States Supreme Court denied certiorari on April 23, 2012. Dickerson v. South Carolina, 2012 WL 568390 (U.S.S.C.)

Appellant now seeks a stay of execution, pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), so that he can pursue post-conviction relief (PCR). The State does not oppose the motion.

The request for a stay of execution is granted. The stay shall remain in effect to the extent provided by this Court in *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*.

The Honorable Edgar W. Dickson is hereby assigned to the PCR action appellant has filed. Judge Dickson shall retain jurisdiction over this case regardless of where he may be assigned to hold court and may schedule such hearings as may be necessary at any time without regard to whether there is a term of court scheduled.

Judge Dickson shall conduct a hearing on appellant's desires regarding counsel within thirty days of the date of this order. Within sixty days of the date of this order, Judge Dickson shall issue a scheduling order setting forth the schedule that shall be followed in this matter, including the date of the hearing on the merits. The scheduling order may be amended as necessary. A copy of the scheduling order and any amended scheduling order shall be provided to counsel, this Court and Court Administration. In addition to appellant's obligation to notify the Clerk

of this Court of the status of this matter every sixty days under In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases, supra, Judge Dickson is requested to provide the Clerk of this Court and Court Administration with an update on the status of this matter every one hundred and twenty days.

 C.J.  
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

July 13, 2012

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