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Ms. Caroline Hiskell
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Re: State v. Esaiveus F. Booker, Appellate Case No. 2013-000207
State v. Raymond Lewis Young, Appellate Case No. 2013-000149
State v. Kinjta Kadeem Sadler, Appellate Case No. 2013-000105
State v. Michael W. Williams, Appellate Case No. 2013-000091

Dear Ms. Hiskell,

In January of 2013 we requested the trial transcript for the four above-mentioned co-defendants. The last extension order we received gave a due date of November 28, 2013. On January 22, 2014, we received a portion of the transcript, and on February 10, 2014, our office notified you of the incomplete transcript and asked if you were the court reporter for the entire trial. We did not hear back from you, but received confirmation from Desiree Allen that you were the court reporter for Judge Miller for the entire week of January 7-11, 2013.

On February 10, 2014, we e-mailed you to request the remainder of the transcript and also asked for an amended index page for the portion of the transcript we previously received. In addition, we sent you a follow-up letter on March 13, 2014 inquiring about the status of the transcript. On March 14, 2014, you e-mailed our office to let us know that the remaining transcript would be sent to us priority mail on March 17, 2014. On March 25, 2014, we received 343 pages of the transcript via hand-delivery.

The transcript we received is still not the complete transcript. It ends with the verdict, so the sentencing portion is not included. In addition to the transcript being incomplete, I noticed the following additional problems:

- Page 638 is missing;
- Page 616, a certificate page, is not signed;

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- There are no headers for the testimony portions of the transcript (please see page 30 of the court reporter's manual);
- The index does include opening statements, closing arguments, charge of the court, verdict and sentencing (please see page 27 of the court reporter's manual);
- Page 619 states "due to technical difficulties, the closings arguments can not be transcribed."

It has been fourteen (14) months since we initially requested this transcript and the family members of the four co-defendants are calling our office weekly to inquire about the status. Please advise this office of the status of the remainder of the trial transcript and the corrections needed as indicated above.

Sincerely,



Kimberly McCall
Administrative Coordinator

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cc: Desiree Allen
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