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**S.C. Supreme Court**

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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**RE: Donnie Mack Hagins v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No.:2013-002151**

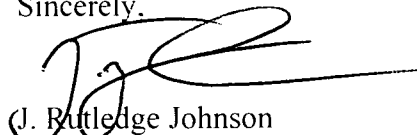
Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned case and the Johnson v. State, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988) Petition for Writ of Certiorari pursuant to Austin v. State, 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991). Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return. The Respondent consented to an Austin v. State review at the PCR hearing on August 16, 2013. (*See App. p. 88*). Additionally, the Respondent has no objection to the Johnson v. State Petition to be relieved as counsel.

If a formal return is required, the Respondent requests an opportunity to brief the issues as requested by the Court.

If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
J. Rutledge Johnson  
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Wanda H. Carter, Esquire  
Ms. Trisha Allen