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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings  
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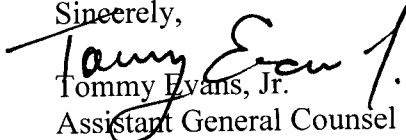
**RE: Gene Richardson v. SCDPPPS**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Upon further investigation, it has been determined that Mr. Richardson did meet the eligibility requirements under the Barton ruling to be considered for conditional parole. Therefore, it is the opinion of the Respondent that the order of the Administrative Law Court be remanded to the Parole Board for further proceedings and that Appellant's appeal be dismissed as moot. Please accept the original and six (6) copies of this letter in lieu of a formal return pursuant to Rule 224(e), SCACR. If a formal return is required Respondent requests permission to submit such a return. By copy of this letter, Appellant is being served with a copy of this return today.

If there are any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

  
Tommy Evans, Jr.  
Assistant General Counsel

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cc: Gene Richardson, #93614  
The Honorable Carolyn Matthews, Administrative Law Judge  
Larry Patton, Director, Parole Board Support Services

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