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Mr. Shaheen Cabbagestalk, #295567
Lieber Correctional Institution
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Re: Shaheen Cabbagestalk v. State
Appellate Case No. 2012-212579

Dear Mr. Cabbagestalk:

This responds to your recent letter. The above case is not on any roster for oral argument. Instead, oral argument will only occur in this case if the Court grants a writ of certiorari and directs that oral arguments be scheduled.

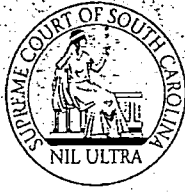
As to your request for copies of cases or orders, this office cannot perform legal research for you. I have provided information that may assist you in locating relevant legal materials.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Tyson A. Johnson, Sr., Esquire
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TO: Supreme Court Library Patron

FROM: Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina 

RE: Request for Legal Research Materials

This responds to your recent request for legal research materials. Due to the need to focus the staff of the Library of the Supreme Court of South Carolina (Library) on its core mission of supporting the legal needs of the Court and its staff, the Library will no longer honor requests from individuals to provide copies of legal research materials such as court opinions, court rules or legislation.

Instead, there are several options for you to obtain copies of relevant legal research materials. The first would be to seek the assistance of a lawyer in conducting the legal research. Not only are lawyers highly trained in conducting legal research, but they can also provide you with their legal opinion regarding the matter.

A second option would be for you to visit the Library in Columbia, South Carolina. The Library is located in the South Carolina Supreme Court Building at 1231 Gervais Street, and is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding state holidays. The copying price is 20 cents a page for copies that you make. The staff of the Library can only provide limited assistance in helping patrons locate relevant legal materials. If you are unable to visit the Library in person, you may want to send a friend or relative to find the relevant legal research materials and make a copy for you.

A third option would be use the Internet to obtain the legal research materials. The opinions of the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals are available on the South Carolina Judicial Department Website, www.sccourts.org. Published opinions and orders are available back to 1997 and unpublished opinions are available back to 2004. The Judicial Department

Website also contains the forms and rules that are applicable to courts within the Judicial Branch of state government.

The rules and decisions of the South Carolina Administrative Law Court, part of the Executive Branch of state government, are available at www.scalc.net.

The opinions of the Supreme Court of the United States are available at www.supremecourt.gov back to 1991, and the opinions of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit are available at www.ca4.uscourts.gov. These websites also contain the court rules for these courts.

The South Carolina Legislative Website, www.scstatehouse.gov, contains the South Carolina Constitution, the South Carolina Code of Laws; legislative materials such as bills, bill history and journals; and the South Carolina Code of Regulations.

Federal legislation and statutes are available at the Thomas website of the Library of Congress. <http://thomas.loc.gov>. The Thomas website also provides links to the legislative websites for all fifty states. <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/state-legislatures.html>. The United States Constitution, the United States Code and the Code of Federal Regulations along with numerous other federal publications are available at U.S. Government Printing Office's Federal Digital System. www.gpo.gov/fdsys.

Google Scholar has an extensive collection of opinions and other legal materials which are available without charge at <http://scholar.google.com>. Decisions from the federal courts and the courts of all fifty states are available and the website has a very sophisticated search feature.

Finally, various commercial vendors such as Westlaw, Nexis-Lexis, VersusLaw and LoislawConnect have extensive legal research materials available by subscription. *See e.g.*, www.westlaw.com; www.lexis-nexis.com; www.versuslaw.com; and <http://estore.loislaw.com>. Lists of other legal research sources on the Internet are available from numerous sources including the Duke Law School, <http://www.law.duke.edu/lib/researchguides/intresearch>, and the Cornell University Law School, <http://www.law.cornell.edu>.