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The Honorable Alexander S. Macaulay
Circuit Court Judge
P.O. Drawer 428
Walhalla, SC 29691

Re: Norman Starnes, #5053 vs. The State of South Carolina
C/A No. 2011-CP-32-830

Dear Judge Macaulay:

I am writing to respectfully request a telephonic status conference to discuss scheduling matters in this capital post-conviction relief action at the Court's earliest convenience. I am notifying opposing counsel of my request by copy of this letter to Diana Holt, Esquire, Kathy LaMotte, Esquire, and Christopher Jensen, Esquire.

This morning, counsel for the Respondent received the Applicant's request for the evidentiary hearing date to be set between May 15, 2015 and June 15, 2015. In light of the amount of time that has elapsed since the Applicant's last request for a continuance in this case, and in light of the fact the last discovery related materials received by Respondent consisted of the deposition transcript of Wanda Brown (received 10-31-2012); a Motion by Applicant followed by a Response in Opposition by Respondent regarding a proposed Order seeking federal records regarding the murder victims in February 2013; and a copy of a protective order regarding a disclosure by the Lexington County Sheriff's Office (received 7-26-2013), Respondent respectfully submits that an evidentiary hearing should be convened in November or December 2014.

Sincerely,

Alphonso Simon Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

AS/dmd

cc: Diana Holt, Esquire; Kathy LaMotte, Esquire; J. Christopher Jensen, Esquire
Debbie Hopkins