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Mr. Robert M. Watkins, 243803  
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RE: Watkins v. State, Appellate Case No. 2011-195272

Dear Mr. Watkins:

This responds to your letter dated May 3, 2012. The Shearouse Advance Sheets is a document that is published to the South Carolina Judicial Department Website, usually on a weekly basis. It contains all of the opinions that have been issued by this Court and the South Carolina Court of Appeals since the last advance sheet, copies of rule changes, various orders, and information regarding subsequent history for opinions that have been issued.

Due to the number of cases that are pending, it will probably be sometime before the Court determines whether it will grant the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. If it decides to grant the petition for a writ of certiorari, it will then determine if oral arguments will be held in this matter. I ask for your patience until the Court has had time to consider the petition for writ of certiorari and the return filed by your counsel.

As to your legal questions and concerns, these are all matter that you will need to

discuss with your counsel.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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