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Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Supreme Court
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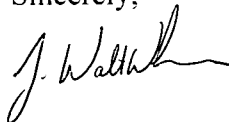
Re: Clarence Crittendon v. State
2013-002380

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned post-conviction relief (PCR) case. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return. The Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh signed an order granting a belated appeal from the denial of Crittendon's first PCR application. (App.pp.338-42). Accordingly, the Respondent has no meritorious defense to the Writ of Certiorari and has filed a separate Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State.

If a formal brief is required, the Respondent requests an opportunity to brief any issue requested by the Court. If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Walt Whitmire
Assistant Attorney General

cc: David Alexander, Esq.