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Re: Corey Bryant vs. State of South Carolina
Case No.: 11-CP-43-901

Dear Debbie:

As per my conversation with you today, I have been informed by Melissa J. Armstrong, defense counsel for Corey Bryant, that Mr. Bryant has competency issues. Ms. Armstrong will forward you a breakdown of Dr. Donna Schwartz-Watts' report as soon as she receives it from Dr. Watts. Therefore, it does not appear that we will be able to try this case before September 4, 2012 and will need additional time to have this matter heard.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr.

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