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February 23, 2015

Deputy Clerk V. Claire Allen
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SC Court of Appeals

Re: *The State v. Robert Jarad Prather*
Appellate Case No. 2014- 1500

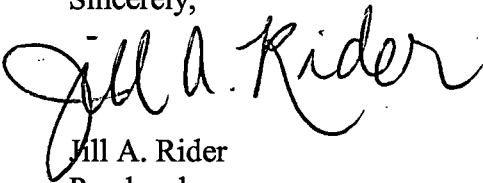
Dear Ms. Allen:

Our office received your letter dated April 3, 2015, regarding the status of this transcript. I originally requested this transcript from court reporter Hilda Jordan on July 22, 2014 (Attachment 1). On October 20, 2014, this Court sent a letter to our office regarding the status of the transcript (Attachment 2). On October 22, 2014, I sent a letter to Ms. Jordan to follow up on the status of this request (Attachment 3). On October 27, 2014, I received a call from Ms. Allen at Court Administration indicating Ms. Jordan never logged in my original request. I immediately emailed Ms. Allen a copy of the request (Attachment 4). Ms. Allen indicated that she would contact Ms. Jordan to find out the status. On October 29, 2014, I received a telephone call from Ms. Jordan stating that she never received my letter from July 22, 2014. I emailed Ms. Jordan a copy of the letter and she sent me a response letting me know she received the email (Attachment 5). On October 29, 2014, Ms. Jordan sent a letter to this Court indicating the above and stating that she had placed the transcript in line for transcription (Attachment 6). On that same day, I sent a letter notifying the Court of the status of the transcript (Attachment 7). On January 6, 2015, I again called Ms. Allen at Court Administration and she indicated the transcript was due on January 29th (Email from me to Ms. Franklin-Best, Attachment 8). On February 3, 2015, I again contacted Hilda Jordan via email regarding the transcript (Attachment 9). She responded to my email on February 4th and indicated she was granted another extension and should have the transcript within 30 days (Attachment 10). Our office was again contacted by this Court with a letter dated February 19, 2015 (Attachment 11). I responded with a letter dated February 23rd, indicating Ms. Jordan informed us on February 4th that she would have the transcript within 30 days, making it due on March 4th. On March 12, 2014, I again contacted

Court Administration and spoke with Michelle Owens. Ms. Owens spoke with Ms. Allen and indicated that they had no record of Ms. Jordan receiving the last extension. Ms. Owens stated that Ms. Allen was going to contact Ms. Jordan and find out the status and they would return my call. I followed up my phone call with Ms. Owens with a detailed email to Ms. Allen (Attachment 12). I have since left two additional messages on Ms. Owens' voice mail to try and follow up on this request. As of the above referenced date, I have not received a call back from anyone at Court Administration or been contacted by Ms. Jordan.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill A. Rider". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill A. Rider
Paralegal

Cc: Court Administration
Salley Elliott, Esquire
Pam Prather

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Hilda M. Jordan
P.O. Box 435
Lexington, SC 29071


Re: *Robert Jared Prather v. State of South Carolina*

Dear Ms. Jordan:

Please be advised that our office represents Robert Jared Prather. This letter is to respectfully request that we be provided with a copy of the transcript from his trial that was held before the Honorable Judge Clifton Newman in Lexington County, on November 29, 2012.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,


Jill A. Rider
Paralegal

cc: Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk



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October 20, 2014

Ms. Elizabeth Anne Franklin-Best, Esquire
900 Elmwood Avenue
Suite 101
Columbia SC 29201

Re: The State v. Robert Jared Prather
Appellate Case No. 2014-001500

Dear Counsel:

Our records indicate that the transcript in the above matter should have been delivered. As of today's date, we have not received any information indicating that the court reporter has been granted an extension. Further, you have not notified us that you have failed to receive the transcript, nor have we received your initial brief.

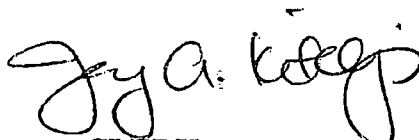
If you have not yet received the transcript, Rule 207 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules requires you to contact the Office of Court Administration. The address for Court Administration is as follows:

South Carolina Office of Court Administration
1015 Sumter Street, Suite 201
Columbia, SC 29201

Be sure to copy the Court and opposing counsel with all correspondence concerning the transcript.

Please advise the Court of the status of the transcript within ten (10) days of the date of this letter, or your appeal may be dismissed.

Very truly yours,


CLERK

cc: Salley W. Elliott, Esquire
Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire

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October 22, 2014

Hilda M. Jordan
P.O. Box 435
Lexington, SC 29071


Re: *Robert Jared Prather v. State of South Carolina*

Dear Ms. Jordan:

On July 22, 2014, our office requested a copy of the transcript in this case. The trial was held before the Honorable Judge Clifton Newman in Lexington County, on November 29, 2012. On October 20, 2014, we received the enclosed letter from the Court of Appeals regarding the status of this request. As of the above referenced date, our office has yet to receive the transcript, or any notification of an extension request.

If you could please notify us of the status of this request. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,


Jill A. Rider
Paralegal

cc: Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk
Salley Elliott, Esq.
SC Office of Court Administration

Jill Rider

From: Jill Rider
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 2:57 PM
To: dallen@sccourts.org
Subject: Robert Prather
Attachments: SBlume Law 14102715540.pdf

Ms. Allen:

Please find attached, a copy of the letter that I sent Hilda Jordan, on July 22, 2014 requesting a copy of the transcript in the above referenced case.

If you need any other information, please let me know. Thank you for your assistance on this.

Jill Rider
Paralegal

Jill Rider

From: Jordan, Hilda M. <HJordan@sccourts.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 9:33 AM
To: Jill Rider
Subject: RE: Robert Prather Transcript

Got it. Thanks so much.

Hilda

From: Jill Rider <jill@blumelaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 9:08 AM
To: Jordan, Hilda M.
Subject: Robert Prather Transcript

Ms. Jordan,

Attached is the original letter that I sent you on July 22nd. If you need any other information, please let me know.

Thanks,
Jill Rider
Paralegal

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Hilda M. Jordan, CVR  
Post Office Box 435  
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

October 29, 2014

Desiree A. Allen  
Court Services Manager  
1015 Sumter Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, SC 29201

re: Robert Jared Prather v. South Carolina

Dear Ms. Allen:

John Blume's office sent a transcript request in the above referenced matter. I did not receive this request in July 2014, when it was originally sent to me.

Yesterday I received an email from Court Administration inquiring into this request.

This morning I called Mr. Blume's office. As a result of that phone conversation with Ms. Rider, Mr. Blume's paralegal, I have received an email copy of the original request letter via my email address. I have placed this transcript in line for transcription as of today's date.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,



Hilda M. Jordan, CVR-M  
First Judicial Circuit  
State of South Carolina

CC:  
Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk  
John Blume

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*Re: Robert Jared Prather v. State of South Carolina*

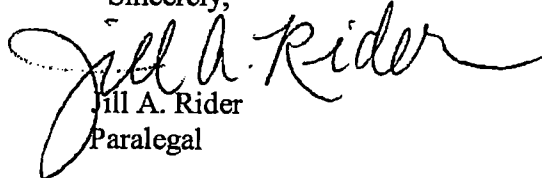
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This letter is to follow up on your letter of October 20, 2014, regarding the transcripts in this case. As indicated, I originally requested the trial transcript from Hilda Jordan and the transcript for the motion for a new trial hearing from Carol M. Thueme on July 22, 2014. I sent follow up letters to both court reports, with a carbon copy to Court Administration, on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. I spoke with Ms. Allen at Court Administration on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and she indicated that Carol M. Thueme logged in our request on July 24, 2014, but that Ms. Jordan had never logged in the request. Ms. Allen indicated that she would contact both court reports to determine the status of these request.

On the above referenced date, I received a call from Hilda Jordan indicating that she never received my initial request for the trial transcript. I emailed her a copy of the letter and she is going to begin processing the request. As of this date, I have not received any information from Ms. Thueme. Upon receipt of the transcripts, I will notify you of the same.

If you should need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

  
Jill A. Rider  
Paralegal

cc: Salley Elliott, Esq.  
Court Administration

**Jill Rider**

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**From:** Jill Rider  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 06, 2015 3:34 PM  
**To:** Betsy Franklin-Best  
**Subject:** Prather

Per Deiree Allen, Hilda Jordan has until January 29<sup>th</sup> to complete the transcript.

**Jill Rider**

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**From:** Jill Rider  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2015 3:35 PM  
**To:** Jordan, Hilda M.  
**Subject:** RE: Robert Prather Transcript

Ms. Jordan,

Can you please let me know when the transcript in this case will be complete? Our records indicate that it was due on January 29th.

Thanks so much,  
Jill Rider  
Paralegal

-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014 9:33 AM  
**To:** Jill Rider  
**Subject:** RE: Robert Prather Transcript

Got it. Thanks so much.

Hilda

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**From:** Jill Rider <jill@blumelaw.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014 9:08 AM  
**To:** Jordan, Hilda M.  
**Subject:** Robert Prather Transcript

Ms. Jordan,

Attached is the original letter that I sent you on July 22nd. If you need any other information, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Jill Rider  
Paralegal

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Jill Rider

From: Jordan, Hilda M. <HJordan@sccourts.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 2:07 PM
To: Jill Rider
Subject: RE: Robert Prather Transcript

You should have received an extension granted by Court Administration. I should have it to you within 30 days.

Have had two or three really long trials and am trying to get caught up. Took this week off to type.

I will try my best to keep you informed.

Hilda

From: Jill Rider <jill@blumelaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Jordan, Hilda M.
Subject: RE: Robert Prather Transcript

Ms. Jordan,

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Jill Rider
Paralegal

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Ms. Jordan,

Attached is the original letter that I sent you on July 22nd. If you need any other information, please let me know.

Thanks,

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February 19, 2015

Ms. Elizabeth Anne Franklin-Best, Esquire
900 Elmwood Avenue
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Columbia SC 29201

Re: The State v. Robert Jared Prather
Appellate Case No. 2014-001500

Dear Counsel:

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Do they get notified?

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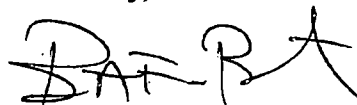
Re: *The State v. Robert Jarad Prather*
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Dear Clerk of Court:

I received your letter dated February 19, 2015 regarding the status of this transcript. Please be advised that we have been informed by Ms. Hilda Jordan on February 4, 2015 that she was granted an extension and that she believes she can have the transcript to us within 30 days of that date. By copy of this letter please note that Court Administration has been advised of same.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth A. Franklin-Best

Cc: Court Administration
Pam Prather

Jill Rider

From: Jill Rider
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 4:22 PM
To: dallen@sccourts.org
Cc: Elizabeth Franklin-Best
Subject: Robert Jared Prather v. State of South Carolina
Attachments: SBlume Law 15031217040.pdf

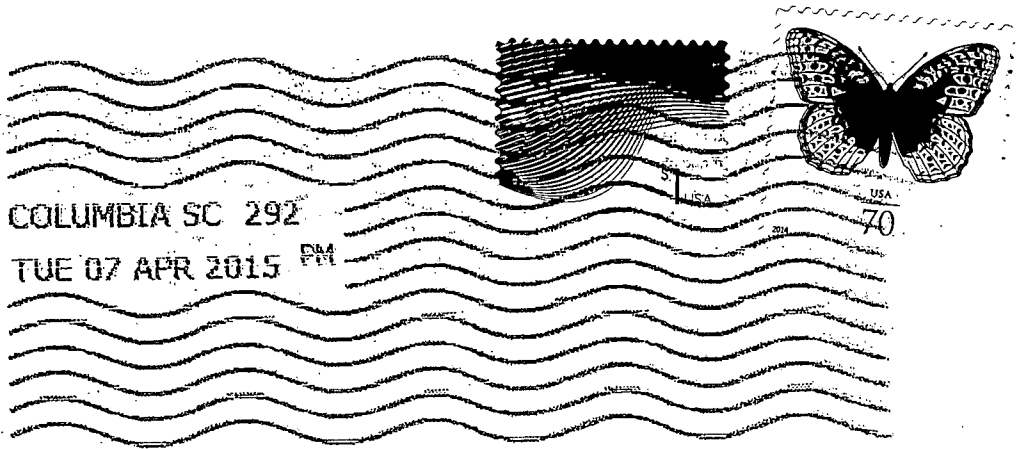
Ms. Allen,

As you are aware, I spoke with Michelle Owens earlier today regarding this case. I have attached all my documentation regarding this request. As you can see, I originally requested this transcript on July 22, 2014. On October 20, 2014, we were contacted by the Court of Appeals regarding the status of this request. At that time I wrote another letter to Hilda Jordan and cc'd your office, the Attorney General's Office, and the Court of Appeals. You contacted me on October 27, 2014, and indicated that Ms. Jordan had never logged in the request. I sent you a copy of the original letter of July 22, 2014 on that date via email. I was then contacted by Hilda Jordan on October 29, 2014 and she indicated she never received the letter. I immediately sent her a copy of the letter via email. I also sent another letter to the Clerk of Court explaining the above. I contacted you again on January 6, 2015, and you indicated the transcript was due on January 29, 2015. On February 3, 2015, I again emailed Ms. Jordan to find out the status of the request. She responded to me on February 4th and indicated that I should've received an extension granted by Court Administration and she would have the transcript within 30 days (that email is attached). We were again contacted by the Court of Appeals on February 19th regarding the transcript. We responded to the Court in a letter dated February 23rd that per Ms. Jordan, the transcript would be completed within 30 days of February 4th making the due date March 4th. As I indicated to Ms. Owens, as of today, we have yet to receive the transcript. I understand that you are going to follow up with Ms. Jordan, so I wanted to provide you with all the information I have.

If you should have any questions, please let me know. I will be out of the office tomorrow, but will return on Monday. If you should have any questions tomorrow, you can contact Elizabeth Franklin-Best at the same number (765-1044). Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

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