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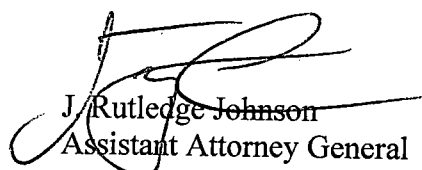
The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Deitrick Williams, Petitioner v. State of South Carolina, Respondent
Appellate Case No. 2014-002100

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The State's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due today, May 6, 2015. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal response. Upon further review of record, specifically the testimony provided at the PCR hearing on August 6, 2014 before the Honorable J. Ernest Kinard, Jr. and Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari (pursuant to White v. State), the State does not contest the assertion Petitioner makes on page 5-6 of his petition that he is entitled to a belated review of direct issues pursuant to White v. State. If the Court grants certiorari and allows Petitioner a belated review, the Respondent requests the opportunity to brief direct appeal issue(s) presented in Petitioner's petition, in the event that Petitioner's counsel does not file a petition for writ of certiorari pursuant to Anders v. California. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,


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