

Hopkins, Debbie

From: Shealy, Brenda
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Hopkins, Debbie
Subject: FW: Stephen Corey Bryant: Death Sentenced Inmate (Sumter County Case) - Request for Records

I don't know if you want to put this in the three cases or not. We have the materials on a DVD and I have emailed Melody to let her know that somebody can come and pick it up.

From: Melody Brown [<mailto:MBrown@scag.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:29 AM
To: Shealy, Brenda
Subject: Stephen Corey Bryant: Death Sentenced Inmate (Sumter County Case) - Request for Records

Dear Ms. Shealy:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me this morning regarding our request for state court records. The Honorable Bristow Marchant, United States Magistrate Judge issued an order yesterday that the State is to provide the "complete record of all state court proceedings to date" for Mr. Bryant in anticipation of the filing of a federal habeas action. Such records must be filed with the District Court within 30 days of the date of the Order, or on or before July 24, 2015. While we have copies of many of the records, we are seeking actual file-stamped copies of briefs, petitions and records which may have further redactions than the copies maintained in our files. Pursuant to the Federal Rules, we may electronically file state court records without further redaction. We are attempting not only to provide the records, but also attempting to avoid accidental non-compliance with the District Court redaction rules by requesting copies of the actual documents received and maintained by the Court. These will not be further redacted under the federal rules. We are also striving for consistency in providing file-stamped copies from each action. I am not requesting documents such as opinions or orders that would not have the Court's stamp, or motions not going to the merits. I believe our copies will be sufficient for such other documents.

It is my understanding that I can send my assistant over to copy the scans onto a disc and we can save those copies for electronic filing then print paper copies for the federal court (also required) at our office. We hope to limit any inconvenience to you by obtaining the requested documents this way. If, for some reason, we need or are directed to obtain other such copies, I may need to revisit this request with you. However, I am attempting to limit the request to that which is necessary.

After our discussion this morning, I have reviewed our working list and would like to have stamped copies of the following:

April 2008 Original Writ Action-

Petition for Writ of Certiorari with proof of service (filed by Mr. Babb, Esq., and Mr. Howle, Esq.)
Motion for Stay
Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari
Reply to Return
Motion for Order Reinstating Stay
Opposition to Motion for Order Reinstating Stay

Direct Appeal Action -

Death Penalty Sentencing Report (which we do not currently appear to have a copy of)
Record on Appeal
Final Brief of Appellant

Final Brief of Respondent
Petition for Rehearing

PCR Appeal Action – (Appellate Case No. 2013-000518)
Appendix with Supplements
Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Supplement
Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari
Petition for Rehearing

Also, I have in my PCR Appeal file that there was an order for transportation of an exhibit – a computer disc. Would you please let me know if that is still at the Court? I would like to obtain an order to have the disc transported to SLED to have it copied for the federal court and then returned to Sumter County.

Thank you for all of your great help with this. I appreciate it. My direct line is 734-3742 if you need to speak with me again.

Sincerely,
Melody

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