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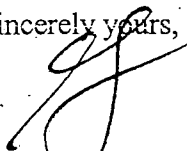
Re: In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Thomas Simmons v. South Carolina Department of Mental Health and Alan Wilson, South Carolina Attorney General
Our File No. 2012-0043C

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I write this letter because I have just been made aware this Court granted review of the Court of Appeals decision in the case of *Simmons v. State of South Carolina*, Opinion No. 2011-194610. It was filed on June 30, 2011 and the Court granted review on May 24, 2012.

The action I filed is in the original jurisdiction of this Court and on behalf of Simmons we request the two cases be consolidated and heard immediately due to the exigent nature of the case. The records of the last trial show Simmons should be released and that to hold him could cause substantial harm. Further, because Simmons is the youngest person in the SVP unit, he is subject to significant personal danger. Accordingly, we request immediate review of this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Gene M. Connell, Jr.

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