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Re: Zireek R. Brooks v. State
Appellate Case No. 2016-000195

Dear Counsel:

We have received your notice of appeal and it has been assigned the above referenced appellate case number. Please use this number for all filings with this Court.

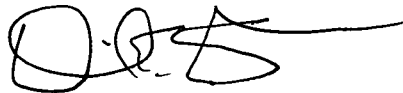
Upon reviewing your notice of appeal, the following deficiency or deficiencies have been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and any deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter:

- Since the order of the circuit court determined that this action is barred as being successive and/or as being untimely under the statute of limitations, Rule 243(c) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules requires a written explanation as to why this determination was improper. This explanation must contain sufficient facts, argument and citation to legal authority to show that there is an arguable basis for asserting that the determination by the lower court was improper.

In the event you determine that you do not have a good faith explanation to

provide pursuant to Rule 243(c), you must provide this Court with a letter stating that as an officer of the Court you are unable to set forth any arguable basis for asserting the determination by the PCR judge was improper. The letter should also advise petitioner that he has twenty (20) days from the date of the letter to file a pro se explanation as to why the petitioner believes that this determination by the circuit court was improper. *Dennison v. State*, 371 S.C. 221, 639 S.E.2d 35 (2006). The letter filed with this Court should include proof of service showing that a copy of the letter has been sent to the petitioner.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: Jessica Elizabeth Kinard, Esquire