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Robert Dudek, Chief Appellate Defender  
South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense  
Division of Appellate Defense  
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Re: In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Bobby Russell  
C/A No.: 2011-CP-18-394  
SCCOA Tracking No.: 2011204866

Dear Mr. Dudek:

I received Andrew Shepherd's December 21, 2011, letter to your office regarding representation of Appellant Bobby Russell in the pending appeal from his commitment as a sexually violent predator. He was appointed to represent Mr. Russell in the circuit court, and Appellate Defense generally assumes representation on appeal from the commitment proceeding. Contrary to Mr. Shepherd's letter, however, appointed counsel remains on the case in the circuit court for annual review purposes until either relieved by the circuit court, or the resident is released from the treatment program.

For Appellate Defense's purposes, I am representing the State in this appeal. Therefore, please direct all correspondence and pleadings related to the appeal directly to me.

Sincerely,

Deborah R.J. Shupe  
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Tanya A. Gee, Clerk, SC Court of Appeals  
Andrew T. Shepherd, Esquire  
Lloyd Flores, Assistant Attorney General

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