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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: State v. Shawndell Q. McClenton – Appellate Case No. 2014-000978

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The above-referenced criminal appeal is set for oral argument on March 8, 2016, at 10:40 a.m. in Courtroom I during the upcoming term of Court. Pursuant to Rule 208(b)(7), SCACR, the State seeks to provide the Court with supplemental citations prior to oral argument based on the belief the citations may be relevant and helpful to the Court in addressing the issues raised in the above-referenced criminal appeal. The State believes the following citations are relevant to the directed verdict issue: State v. Bennett, __ S.C. __, 781 S.E.2d 352 (2016) (reinstating Bennett's previously-reversed convictions after finding the State's circumstantial evidence was sufficient to withstand Bennett's directed verdict motion); State v. Lane, 410 S.C. 505, 765 S.E.2d 557 (2014) (reinstating Lane's previously-reversed conviction for first-degree burglary after finding sufficient circumstantial evidence was presented to withstand Lane's directed verdict motion); State v. Irvin, 270 S.C. 539, 243 S.E.2d 195 (1978) (holding the existence of evidence establishing a housebreaking and larceny occurred coupled with evidence establishing the defendants were in possession of property stolen in those crimes required the trial judge to deny a directed verdict motion and submit the case to the jury).

Sincerely,



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