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SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, S.C. Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
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RE: State v. Willie M. Williams, Appellate Case No. 2013-001152

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The above-captioned case was argued on March 9, 2016, before Judges Huff, Konduros, and Geathers. Enclosed are eight (8) copies of the Supreme Court's decision today in Rutland v. State, ___ S.C. ___, ___ S.E.2d ___, Op. No. 27614, Shearouse Adv. Sheet No. 13 (Mar. 30, 2016). Pursuant to Rule 208(b)(7), SCACR, I am advising the Court that Rutland represents pertinent and significant authority for the hearsay argument presented in Issue 1. In particular, I would draw the Court's attention to page 4 of the opinion which recounts the defendant's testimony regarding what the alleged victim in a self-defense case said.

Should you have any questions or the Court needs any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David Alexander
Appellate Defender

Enclosure: Rutland v. State, Op. No. 27614

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