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Re: Willie J. Richardson v. State
Appellate Case No. 2016-000885
Lower Court Case No. 2003CP3200927

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your notice of appeal, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02. Please note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as

required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will not review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

This Court has also received a copy of the letter dated April 28, 2016, that your paralegal sent to Court Administration ordering a transcript of the "guilty plea" in 1998GS32001242 before Judge Gibbons. I am concerned that this letter may be in error since the underlying criminal trial was not a guilty plea according to the order on appeal, the transcript of this criminal trial should have been before the post-conviction relief judge in this case, and Judge Gibbons was the post-conviction relief judge. If the actual intent of this letter was to order the transcript of the post-conviction relief hearing held in this case as required by Rule 243(b) and 207, SCACR, then I ask that you immediately submit a revised request for the transcript.

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: Clarence Rauch Wise, Esquire
Desiree R. Allen, Court Administration