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Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 3:33 PM
To: 'nicolesingletary40@yahoo.com'
Subject: Louis Sanders v. The State

Attachments: NewCaseLetter 3-23-16.pdf; affidavit of indigency.pdf

Good afternoon, Ms. Singletary,

According to my records, the transcript in Mr. Sanders' case is due to be requested on April 22, 2016.

As of today's date we have not received a response to the letter we sent you on March 23, 2016 (see attached).

If you were court-appointed, our office will take over your client's representation if you wish us to do so. If you were retained and your client is now indigent, we will need a completed and notarized affidavit of indigency (see attached) from your client to determine if he qualifies for the services of this office.

If you need more time to get the affidavit of indigency to us, you can request an extension of time in which to order the transcript from the Supreme Court. If you are retained and planning to pursue the appeal on your own, please let me know and I will close our file with this case.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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March 23, 2016

Ms. Nicole L. Singletary, Esquire
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Re: Louis Sanders v. The State of South Carolina, Appellate Case No. 2016-000591

Dear Ms. Singletary:

We have received notification from the South Carolina Supreme Court that a Notice of Intention to Appeal was filed on March 23, 2016, for the above-captioned case, and you are listed as counsel for Mr. Sanders.

The Supreme Court requires this office to determine, in every criminal or post-conviction appeal, whether the appellant is represented by retained or appointed counsel, and whether the Office of Appellate Defense is to be involved in the appeal. Inasmuch as our notification does not indicate whether you were court-appointed or retained counsel in the lower court, I am writing to determine your status.

If you were court-appointed, this Office will take over your client's representation if you wish us to do so, **and if you furnish us with the documents requested on the list which I have enclosed.** Because we cannot review your client's case and proceed with the appeal without these documents, I must ask that you furnish them by **April 5, 2016** if you wish this Office to assume representation on appeal. **We will give you no further notice of this deadline.**

If you were retained counsel at the trial, and your client is now indigent, the client may qualify for the services of this office only pursuant to the terms of South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 602(E). I have enclosed an affidavit of indigency. **Please have your client complete all questions on the affidavit and have it notarized and returned to us by April 5, 2016** so that we may review it before the deadline to request the transcript from the court reporter. If we determine the client is indigent, we will handle the appeal, subject to Rule 602(e)(4), SCACR. However, **if you are unable to return the affidavit to us by this deadline, it will be necessary for you to request an extension to order the transcript.**

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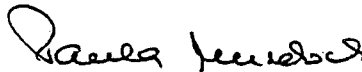
Please note that under no circumstances can this Office compensate private counsel for costs of transcripts or printing which have been incurred by counsel: any transcripts or printing must be ordered by this Office if we are to pay for them.

If you are retained and are planning to pursue this appeal on your own, I would be most appreciative if you would so notify me immediately so that we may close our file in this case.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or telephone number.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Murdoch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "M".

Paula Murdoch
Administrative Coordinator

Enclosures