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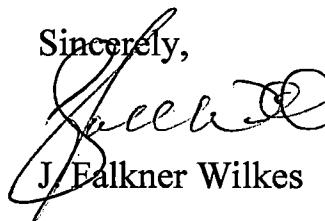
Re: State v. Raymond Young, Appellate Case No.: 2013-000149

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

I am enclosing the Initial Brief and Designation of the Appellant Raymond Young. I had filed a motion to consolidate Young's appeal with that of his co-defendant Esaiveus Frnantrez Booker in case 2013-000149. Except for one issue in my brief, the Booker brief and Young brief present the same issues on the same facts. I have, with the consent of Booker's counsel, incorporated the arguments in Booker's brief almost verbatim. The record would be identical save the portion of the transcript relating to the jury selection. Counsel for Booker has agreed to include those pages in her Record on Appeal to facilitate the consolidation of the appeals. As the issues and record, for the most part, are identical it would seem to serve everyone's best interests to consolidate and have a single panel hear the case. The consolidated record on appeal is of course very beneficial to Mr. Young.

I had held the initial brief and designation waiting for the ruling on the motion since that would have an impact on the captioning of the brief and how we proceed with the record. I am submitting the brief and designation at this time but would still like the Court to consider the motion to consolidate prior to the record on appeal having to be completed since I would like to avoid the cost and time that would be required to duplicate the record on appeal that will be submitted in the Booker case.

Sincerely,



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