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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

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S.C. Supreme Court

Re: *Steven Vernon Bixby v. South Carolina*  
Case Number: 2011-CP-01-110

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case.

Mr. Bixby's case is set for an evidentiary hearing beginning on December 10, 2012. Counsel for Mr. Bixby filed Mr. Bixby's Fourth Amended Application for Post-Conviction Relief on August 6, 2012. On September 7, 2012 counsel for the State filed a Return to the Application.

Counsel for Mr. Bixby have continued to interview potential witnesses, to collect records related to Mr. Bixby, and to meet with Mr. Bixby. Counsel have identified expert witnesses who will testify at Mr. Bixby's hearing, worked with opposing counsel on discovery issues, and began preparing for the hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John R. Mills  
Attorney

cc: Daniel J. Westbrook, Esq.  
Melody Brown, Esq.

