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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
South Carolina Supreme Court Clerk
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1330

Re: Ronald Cohens, 316306 v. State of South Carolina; 2006-GS-22-354, 355.

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I filed the Notice of Appeal in this Post-Conviction Relief case on September 12, 2012. I am now requesting a thirty (30) day extension of time to order the PCR record. I was retained by the client's family and my fee agreement expressly excludes representation on appeal. The family has not retained me to handle this appeal. I advised them back in September that they needed to make a decision about representation on appeal. I have now provided an Affidavit of Indigency to this client and have advised him that he needs to return it to me if he wants to seek representation by a court-appointed lawyer for his PCR appeal. He has been instructed to return the affidavit to me as quickly as possible. As of today, I have not heard any final decision from the family. Hopefully my client will return the Affidavit of Indigency soon. I am, by copy of this letter, advising the client and his family that they must make a decision within ten (10) days of the date of this letter or else I will be filing a Motion to be Relieved as Counsel for this appeal. With my thanks for your assistance in this matter, as always, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling".

Tara Dawn Shurling
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Enclosures

cc: Salley W. Elliott, Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
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