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Honorable William B. Rogers, Jr.  
Solicitor, Fourth Judicial Circuit  
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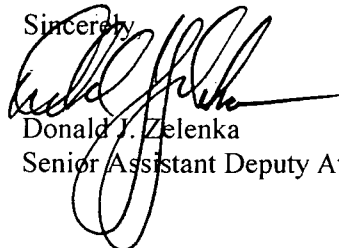
Re: State v. Thomas Stewart  
Appellate Case No. 2012-213655  
Chesterfield County Murder Conviction Vacated and Remanded for New Trial  
2010-GS-12-192; 2010-GS-13-00263

Dear Solicitor Rogers:

Please be advised that the Remittitur for the South Carolina Court of Appeals in the appeal of Mr. Stewart's Chesterfield County convictions and sentences was issued on May 24, 2016 after denial of the State's Petition for Writ of Certiorari by the South Carolina Supreme Court on May 19, 2016. The decision of the in State v. Thomas Stewart, Appellate Case No. 2012-213655, Opinion No. 5311, 413 S.C. 308, 775 S.E.2d 416 (July 15, 2015) is now final. The decision of the Court of Appeals reversed Stewart's convictions for murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime and remanded the indictments for a new trial.

**By copy of this letter, with a separate email this date, we are requesting the Department of Corrections, through the Legal Advisor's Office and your office to coordinate the expeditious transfer of Mr. Stewart to the custody of Chesterfield County for treatment as a pretrial detainee on each of the indictments involved in the remittitur.** By copy of this letter, I am advising his current counsel, Jarrett Coco and Robert Dudek, of this communication.

Sincerely,



Donald J. Zelenka  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosures: Opinion of S.C. Court of Appeals – July 15, 2015)  
Supreme Court Order Denying Petition for Writ of Certiorari – May 19, 2016

Remittitur – May 24, 2016

cc: David M. Tatarsky, SC Dept. of Corrections  
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