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**From:** Zelenka, Don  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10:08 AM  
**To:** Keesley, William P. Law Clerk (Anna Marsh); Diana Holt; Teresa Norris; Dayne Phillips  
**Cc:** Melody Brown; Hopkins, Debbie; Al Simon; Caroline Scrantom; Ed Salter; Anthony Mabry; Huggins, Mona Denise; Trisha Allen  
**Subject:** RE: Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

Thank you

Don Zelenka

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**Subject:** RE: Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

I will set this for Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Lexington before Judge Keesley. I will also go ahead and draft the transport order for Mr. Finklea to be signed by Judge Keesley.

Thanks,

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I am. Thank you. Best~ dh

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Because we cannot be guaranteed a court reporter during Chambers weeks, I thought it would be best to see if the attorneys are available on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at either 2:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. in Lexington.

Thanks,

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To all –

I am available on July 7 at anytime.

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Judge Keesley is available next week during Chambers, preferably on Thursday afternoon at either 2:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.. Please let me know if the attorneys are available.

Again, my apologies on not asking if Mr. Finklea needed to be transported.

Thanks,

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**To:** David Tatarsky (C030858); 'Diana Holt'; Keesley, William P. Law Clerk (Anna Marsh); Teresa Norris; Dayne Phillips  
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The hearing for tomorrow is canceled. My law clerk will be in touch with the attorneys this afternoon to try to reschedule. I apologize that the transport order was not done. Thank you. [wpk]

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**From:** David Tatarsky (C030858) [<mailto:Tatarsky.David@doc.sc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 3:28 PM  
**To:** Keesley, William P.; 'Diana Holt'; Keesley, William P. Law Clerk (Anna Marsh); Teresa Norris; Dayne Phillips  
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Judge:

I think the chances are very slim. A death row transport includes multiple vehicles, plus officers from Lieber and the Division of Security. If it is not too much of an inconvenience to you and everyone else, rescheduling would be much better.

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Mr. Tatarsky,

When my law clerk told me about this situation shortly after 3:00, I told her that there would not be enough time to require someone to be transported from death row. She sent out an email advising the attorneys of that information. It appears that we dropped the ball, so unless you think there is a realistic chance to get Mr. Finklea transported, we will reschedule. I am sorry for the mistake. Thank you. [wpk]

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All:

I cannot promise that we can perform this transport without checking with my people. Death row transports require additional vehicles and personnel. I will be glad to check and see if it is possible upon such short notice.

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Dear Ms. Marsh~ Has SCDC been notified to transport Mr. Finklea, if you know? I'll copy legal on this. They may want to hear from the Court. Mr. Finklea wants/needs to be present this time. Thanks so much. Best~ dh

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If Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> still suits the attorneys, we can hold the status conference on the record with Judge Keesley in Lexington. Please let me know if **June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** works for you.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** Re: Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

If the 28th suits all, I would appreciate that date. If I overlooked anyone blocking that date, I can do the 30th if necessary.

Thank you. Best-dh

Sent from right here.

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On Jun 13, 2016, at 3:36 PM, Teresa Norris <[teresa@blumelaw.com](mailto:teresa@blumelaw.com)> wrote:

With the exception of June 29, I am available that week.

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Judge Keesley is available during the week of June 27<sup>th</sup> for a status conference. Are the attorneys available during that week?

Thanks,

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To all –

It appears that we are in need of another status conference to resolve the hearing date since it appears that Ms. Norris is invoking her protection under the Roof Order to preclude the November 2016 hearing.

Sincerely,

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As the order provides protection “extending until 90 days after” the Roof proceedings are concluded, I believe the Roof continuance also impacts Finklea and the Finklea hearing will also need to be reset.

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Good afternoon:

This case was set for a day certain to begin on November 16, 2016, and was scheduled for that specific date as Ms. Norris is involved in the Dylann Roof case in Charleston.

Judge Keesley wants to know if the continuance of Mr. Roof's case to January is going to affect this case.

Thanks,

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Attached is a copy of an order that sets this case for a date certain beginning November 14, 2016. I am mailing the order to Lexington to be filed. Thank you. [wpk]

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**From:** Zelenka, Don  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 3:17 PM  
**To:** Keesley, William P.; Diana Holt; Teresa Norris  
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Judge Keesley et al –

Just a follow-up concerning the earlier status conference request from . I learned this week that Teresa Norris has received an order of protection from December 1, 2015 until 90 days after the completion of the Dylann Roof trial currently set for July 2016. I am attaching a copy of the order that I received from Ms. Norris in two other pending death penalty PCR matters this week – Mar-Reece Hughes and Donald Jones. Unless this case can be heard the month of November 2015, it appears that the matter pending since 2010 may not be able to be heard until September 2016.

This status matter was continued until the judicial assignment schedule was set for January through June, 2016. It appears that a status conference is necessary to resolve what next steps need to be taken to resolve this pending matter.

Sincerely,

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Let's postpone the status conference until a later date and cancel any transport order. Thank you. [wpk]

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Judge Keesley , et al.–

I would agree that since the scheduling is the crux of the meeting that it be delayed until a later date, particularly knowing your additional preference to have the Applicant present at these matters. Upon your concurrence and confirmation, I will then cancel transportation for Mr. Finklea.

My current personal conflict dates are where I will likely be unavailable are October 5-9, 13, 16-19, and the morning of October 28. However, of course, someone else from the office may be available for the purpose of the status conference if necessary on those dates.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 10:51 AM  
**To:** Diana Holt; Don Zelenka; Teresa Norris  
**Cc:** Keesley, William P. Law Clerk (Anna Marsh); Melody Brown; Hopkins, Debbie; Al Simon; Brendan McDonald; Caroline Scrantom; Ed Salter; Anthony Mabry; Susannah; Melody Brown; Creighton Waters  
**Subject:** RE: Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

When we discussed scheduling this status conference, I indicated an assumption that the schedule for January through June, 2016 would be out by mid-September. As you know, the schedule has not been released. They may release it tomorrow, but I have no indication whether they will or will not. So, do you want to move this meeting to October? I do not want to waste anyone's time. Thank you. [wpk]

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**From:** Diana Holt [<mailto:dianaholt@utexas.edu>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 4:11 PM  
**To:** Keesley, William P.; Zelenka, Don; Teresa Norris  
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**Subject:** RE: Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

Dear Judge Keesley and all:

Mr. Finklea is suffering an on-going intestinal, among other things, medical condition which would make his being transported to the hearing quite difficult for him and, likely, the transport team. He consents to not being present for this brief status conference. Thank you.

All my best~ dh

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:04 AM

**To:** Zelenka, Don; Teresa Norris

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**Subject:** RE: Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

Assuming that I can get a court reporter, is it okay to have this hearing at 10:30 on Monday, September 21? If that day and time does not suit, please give me the days that would be better for your schedules. Thank you. [wpk]

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**From:** Zelenka, Don

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:21 PM

**To:** Teresa Norris; Keesley, William P.

**Cc:** Keesley, William P. Law Clerk (Anna Marsh); Melody Brown; Diana Holt; Hopkins, Debbie; Al Simon; Brendan McDonald; Caroline Scrantom; Zelenka, Don; Ed Salter; Anthony Mabry; Kaycie Timmons; Melody Brown; Creighton Waters

**Subject:** RE: Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

Judge Keesley, et al. -

The Attorney General's Office will be available the week of September 21 for this conference to again set a hearing date. I am also attaching a copy of the August 25, 2014 status conference to refresh everyone's recollection about this matter.

By copy of this email I am advising the Clerk Office of the Supreme Court of this status pursuant to In Re Stays for their information.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Teresa Norris [<mailto:teresa@blumelaw.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 2:28 PM

**To:** Keesley, William P.; Don Zelenka

**Cc:** Keesley, William P. Law Clerk (Anna Marsh); Melody Brown; Diana Holt

**Subject:** RE: Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

Ms. Holt and I are available that week.

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**Cc:** Keesley, William P. Law Clerk (Anna Marsh); Melody Brown; Teresa Norris; Diana Holt  
**Subject:** RE: Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

Can we have the status conference during the chambers week of September 21, or do you need something sooner? I believe that the 2016 schedule will be out by then, and we probably will need to have that information. My new law clerk is Anna Marsh, and I ask that the attorneys communicate with her about the status conference. Thank you. [wpk]

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**From:** Zelenka, Don  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 5:46 PM  
**To:** Keesley, William P.  
**Cc:** Keesley, William P. Law Clerk (Anna Wade); Melody Brown; Teresa Norris ([teresa@blumelaw.com](mailto:teresa@blumelaw.com)); Diana Holt  
**Subject:** Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

Judge Keesley –

This is to request a status conference primarily to set an evidentiary hearing date for the pending PCR action. In February 2015, through a series of emails, one of Mr. Finklea's counsel, counsel Diana Holt, made a request to extend the hearing date which was earlier tentatively set for August 2015 for a period of ninety days. In a status letter to the Clerk of the Supreme Court on March 31, 2015, counsel Teresa Norris advised them that you had indicated the case would be set in possibly late 2015. We currently have a cases set terms December 28, 2015 and October 19, 2015. I am also having a potential hearings on two other matters during the week of October 5 with counsel Norris before Judge Burch.

By copy of this email, I am advising Mr. Finklea's counsel Holt and Norris of this communication.

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