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July 25, 2016

Ms. Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk
The South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Michael T. Lawyer
Appellate Case No.: 2015-002458

Dear Ms. Allen:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated July 19, 2016, inquiring as to the status of the transcript and submission of the initial brief in this matter.

Mr. Lawyer is indigent and relies heavily on the Office of Indigent Defense to provide payments to the various providers concerning his SVP case needs. We have not received payment from the Office of Indigent Defense for the \$780.00.

I am enclosing a copy of the following information of our request and attempts to secure this transcript:

1. Letter to Ms. Singletary in November 2015 requesting a copy of the transcript;
2. Ms. Singletary's response and fee for producing the transcript dated December 2, 2015;
3. Order of Funding signed by Judge James on December 28, 2015;
4. Submission of Order of Funding to OID on December 31, 2015;
5. Email exchange with Lori Frost answering her inquiry as to the "bill" in this matter.

We are waiting on payment and as soon as I receive payment for this transcript, I can promptly forward it to Ms. Singletary and secure the transcript for this Appeal.

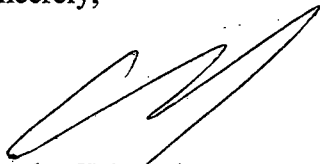
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If you should have any questions or if I can be of assistance to you, please contact my office at the number listed above.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles T. Brooks, III'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'C' and 'B'.

Charles T. Brooks, III

CTB, III/srw

cc: Christopher Morrow, Esquire
John Benjamin Aplin, Esquire
Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
SC Court Administration
Melissa Singletary, Court Reporter

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SC Court of Appeals

November 19, 2015

Melissa Raye Singletary
2797 State Road
Summerville, SC 29483

RE: In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Michael T. Lawyer
Case No.: 2008-CP-14-183

Dear Ms. Singletary:


Please be advised that I represent Mr. Lawyer in the above entitled matter and this matter was heard before Judge James in Clarendon County on November 16, 2015 and November 17, 2015.

By way of this letter, and on behalf of our client, we are requesting a copy of the Transcript of Record for this trial. Please advise when it we would be able to receive a transcribed copy. Please also advise what the costs associated with this request will be to obtain a copy. We have filed an appeal in this matter and are in need of the transcript.

Mr. Lawyer is an indigent client. It has been my experience with the Office of Indigent Defense that they process the requests for payment if the letters from court reporters request a deposit, rather it be the whole estimated amount or a portion there of. OID, in the past, has denied payment when the requests indicated just an estimated price.

I appreciate any and all assistance you can give me in these matters. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely yours,



Charles T. Brooks, III
CTB,III/srw

cc: South Carolina Court of Appeals
Christopher Morrow, Assistant Attorney General
Court Administration
Michael Lawyer, client

MELISSA R. SINGLETARY, CVR-M
2797 State Road
Summerville, South Carolina 29486

December 2, 2015

Charles T. Brooks, III, Esquire
THE BROOKS LAW OFFICE, LLC
309 Broad Street
Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Re: In the matter of the Care and Treatment of Michael
T. Lawyer
Case Number: 2008-CP-14-00183
D/H: November 16 - November 17, 2015
Presiding Judge: The Honorable George C. James

Mr. Brooks:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 23, 2015 regarding your request for a transcript in the above-referenced case.

Mr. Brooks, I am a little confused by your letter. In the second paragraph of your letter you say that you are requesting the transcript of record and wanting to know the time which you would receive same as well as the costs for just production.

Then in the third paragraph, you indicate that the "OID office will process the request for payment if the court reporter request a deposit, rather it be the whole estimated or a portion thereof." Then you state, "OID, in the past, has denied payment when the requests indicated just an estimated price."

Okay. In the past, for you, I usually advise you of the **estimated costs**, because until, as you know, I type it, I have no idea how many pages it will exactly be. In the past, you usually do go forward with request, I type same and mail it to you with an invoice and your office pays. Now, as far as what goes on between you, your client and OID, I have nothing to do with that.

This trial was approximately a day and a half. I'm going to estimate approximately 240 pages, could be less, could be more and at \$3.25 a page it could be approximately \$780.00.

If you do wish for me to transcribe this trial and provide it to you, I would appreciate your signature at the bottom of this letter indicating that you will be responsible for the total amount due once same has been transcribed.

Thank you. I'm here in Sumter this week if you need to discuss this with me. Have a wonderful day.

Sincerely,

Melissa R. Singletary

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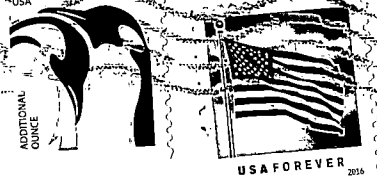
I am requesting that the hearing in the above-referenced matter be transcribed and that I will be responsible for payment of same upon receipt of the transcript.

Charles T. Brooks, III

December ____, 2015

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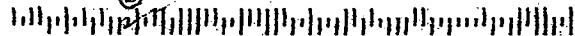
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF CLARENDON)
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IN THE MATTER OF THE)
CARE AND TREATMENT OF)
MICHAEL LAWYER)
RESPONDENT.)

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Case No.: 2008-CP-14-183 JUL 27 2016
ORDER FOR FUNDING **SC Court of Appeals**

This matter comes before me in a Motion from the Respondent, by and through his attorney, requesting that the transcript from Ms. Melissa R. Singletary, Court Reporter be made available in this matter. The Respondent further requests that the funds be approved to compensate Ms. Singletary in the amount of Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$780.00) out of funds available from the Office of Indigent Defense (OID) and to be applied toward payment of such expenses as may be necessarily incurred for these services.


Mr. Brooks seeks approval to secure this transcript to aid in the investigation and perfect the Respondent's Appeal which he believes is necessary to the preparation of this case.

As grounds for this motion, the Respondent submits the following, which he believes to be based upon information and belief:

1. The Respondent has been evaluated by the State's doctor, resulting in a diagnosis that he is a Sexually Violent Predator.
2. The Respondent needs to have this transcript to review and perfect his Appeal.

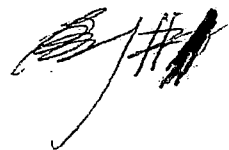
IT IS SO ORDERED:

That this Court authorizes the payment to compensate the expert in the amount of Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$780.00) out-of funds available to the Office of Indigent Defense (OID) and that it be applied toward payment of such expenses as may be necessarily incurred for these services.



George C. James, Jr.
Chief Administrative Judge

Date: 12/28/15





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Summary Page

For submitted SVP Voucher for Charles T Brooks

Part 1 - General Information

Personal Attorney Information

Date of Appointment:	9/11/2008
Providing Service Pro Bono:	No
County of Appointment:	Clarendon
Expense Reimbursement:	
Appointment Judge:	George C. James, Jr.
Probation Violation from Another Case:	No
Replacing Previous Attorney:	Yes
Previous Attorney Name:	Tara Austin Leaphart

Case Information

Case Name:	The State v Michael T. Lawyer
Case Type:	SVP
County of Trial:	Clarendon
Voucher ID:	110931
Docket 1:	2008-CP-14-00183
CDR 1:	2426 - Traffic / Failure to stop when meeting or passing stopped school bus, death results

Client Information

Client First Name:	Michael
Middle Initial:	
Last Name:	Lawyer
Date of Birth:	7/6/1970
Gender:	Male
Defendant Race:	

Victim Race:**Address 1:**

Clarendon County Correctional Center

Address 2:**City:**

Manning

State:

SC

Zip Code:

29102

Part 2 - Fees and Expenses

Fees

Out-of-Court:

0.00

0 hrs. @ \$40.00/hr.

In-Court:

0.00

0 hrs. @ \$40.00 /hr.

Expenses

Long Distance Calls	0.00
Psychiatric Examination	0.00
Expert Witnesses	0.00
Translator	0.00
Investigative Services	0.00
Polygraph Examination	0.00
Extraordinary Travel Expenses	0.00
Transcript Copies	780.00
Other Expenses	0.00
Less Amount Paid by Defendant	0.00
Total Fees:	0.00
Total Expenses:	780.00
Total Amount Requested:	\$780.00

Part 3 - Payment Information**Judge:**

George C. James, Jr.

Type Payment:

Interim

Date Submitted:

12/31/2015

Disposition:

Interim Voucher

Outcome:

Interim Voucher

Attorney Requesting Payment



Sheri Wharton <heriserb@gmail.com>

Reminder for The State v Michael T. Lawyer

3 messages

Lori Frost <lfrost@sccid.sc.gov>

Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 10:46 AM

To: Charles T Brooks <cbrooks@ctbrooks.com>

Cc: "heriserb@gmail.com" <heriserb@gmail.com>

Please submit required documentation in the matter The State v Michael T. Lawyer, CID #110931

Documentation is required for the following reason(s): I need the bill for this voucher.

Thank you,

Lori

This voucher can be reviewed at <https://sccid.sc.gov>

Charles T. Brooks III <cbrooks@ctbrooks.com>

Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 11:12 AM

To: Sheri Wharton <heriserb@gmail.com>

From: Lori Frost <lfrost@sccid.sc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 10:46:15 AM

To: Charles T. Brooks III

Cc: 'heriserb@gmail.com'

Subject: Reminder for The State v Michael T. Lawyer

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Sheri Wharton <heriserb@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 11:22 AM

To: Lori Frost <lfrost@sccid.sc.gov>, Charles Brooks <cbrooks@ctbrooks.com>

Lori,

The bill is the letter from Ms. Singletary. She has not provided us with an invoice. The amount of \$780.00 is referenced within her letter. This was attached to the original submission but I am resubmitting it to you in this email.

Please advise the status of this voucher. Thank you

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Sheri R. Wharton

Paralegal for Brooks Law Offices, LLC

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