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The Honorable Tanya Gee
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RE: State of South Carolina v. Travoris Hurst

Dear Ms. Gee:

Please accept this letter as a status update in the above-captioned case. Don Zelenka, of the Attorney General's Office, and I are working on attempting to see if the missing sentencing portion of this transcript can be resolved with a stipulation rather than a reconstruction hearing. Trial counsel indicated to me today that nothing remarkable happened during the sentencing portion of this trial. The sentencing sheet reflects a thirty-nine year sentence for murder was imposed by Judge Nicholson

Don Zelenka has contacted at least one of the solicitors to obtain their memory of this sentencing proceeding. I will let the Court know next week if I or we think a reconstruction hearing is necessary, or whether this sentencing matter can be resolved by a stipulation. I understand, of course, that the Court has the final say regardless of the opinions or wishes of counsel.

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

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

cc: Donald J. Zelenka, Esquire

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