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SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
S.C. Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: The State v. Joe Ross Worley, App. Case No.: 2014-001497

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Pursuant to this Court's order dated June 17, 2016, I am providing the Court with an update regarding the above-listed case. On August 1, 2016, Judge Keesley met with myself and Assistant Solicitor Maye to discuss the best method for attempting to reconstruct the missing portions of the "stand your ground" hearing.

All parties agreed that taking testimony from Mr. Worley and the trial attorneys would be necessary. Accordingly, Judge Keesley has scheduled a hearing for the week of October 24, 2016 in Edgefield County. In the coming weeks, I will be contacting the trial attorneys so as to finalize the best day for the hearing. I will provide the Court with an update as soon as the date of the hearing is determined. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

John H. Strom
Appellate Defender

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Enclosure

cc: J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire
Mr. Joe Ross Worley