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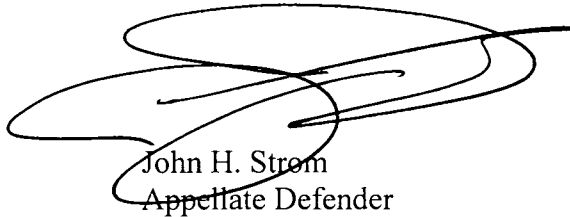
Re: Doyle Marion Garrett v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No. 2016-000316

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

This letter is to respectfully request that the appeal in the above-referenced case be dismissed. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix were due to be served and filed on September 9, 2016. I recently learned that Mr. Garrett has passed away. He had been diagnosed in May with a brain tumor and was preparing to undergo emergency surgery when he last contacted me.

I have requested a copy of his death certificate from SCDC and will forward the same to the Court when I receive it. By copy of this letter, I am informing Karen Ratigan, Esquire, of the Office of the Attorney General, of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John H. Strom  
Appellate Defender

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cc: Karen Ratigan, Esquire