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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: *Norman E. Starnes v. State*, 2011-CP-32-830

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Court with a summary of activity in the above-mentioned case, in the last ninety (plus) days.

October 3, 2016 Update:

The Court convened a hearing on July 26, 2016. At the hearing, the Court set August 19, 2016 as the date for motions for summary judgments to be filed. In the alternative, the Court granted Applicant until October 3, 2016 to file a second amended application. Applicant is filing a significantly amended second amended application for PCR relief today. Additionally, Applicant was diagnosed with a large ocular melanoma tumor in his right eye, which is causing partial but substantial blindness in that eye. We are awaiting test results to determine whether the cancer has spread to other parts of Applicant's body. The State and the Court was made aware of the diagnosis.

I apologize for the tardy update. With highest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



Diana L. Holt

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