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Mr. Johnell Porter, #240208
Broad River Correctional Institution
4460 Broad River Road
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Re: Johnell Porter v. State
Appellate Case No. 2016-002053
Lower Court Case No. 2015CP4601186

Dear Mr. Porter:

This responds to your recent correspondence dated October 4, 2016.

The order on appeal reflects that Mr. Sheldon represented you at the hearing in this case before the circuit court, and that you were present at that hearing. Further, since he represented you before the circuit court, Mr. Sheldon remains your counsel of record before this Court. Rule 264(a) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; Rule 71.1(g) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

To the extent your letter may be trying to request some substantive relief from this Court, no action will be taken on this *pro se* request since you are represented by counsel in this matter. *Miller v. State*, 388 S.C. 347, 697 S.E.2d 527 (2010); *Jones v. State*, 348 S.C. 13, 558 S.E.2d 517 (2002); *State v. Stuckey*, 333 S.C. 56, 508 S.E.2d 564 (1998); *Foster v. State*, 298 S.C. 306, 379 S.E.2d 907 (1989). I am providing Mr. Sheldon with a copy of your letter so that he can be aware of your

concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: Nathan James Sheldon, Esquire (with enclosure)
Justin James Hunter, Esquire (with enclosure)