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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court  
South Carolina Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: **Derrick D. Harriott v. State**

2015-002610

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned case which has been filed pursuant to the procedure set forth in Johnson v. State, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988). Upon further review, the State does not feel the need to submit a response to this Johnson Petition. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari. Respondent has no objection to the Petition of Laura R. Baer, Esquire to be relieved as counsel.

If a formal Return is required, Respondent requests an opportunity to submit a Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari as requested by the Court.

If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Coleman  
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Laura R. Baer, Esquire