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Court of General Sessions
Thomas W. Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

S.C. SUPREME COURT

C/A No. 2016-CP-43-829
Capital PCR

Stephen Corey Bryant, SCDC #5252,

Petitioner

vs.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent

Appellate Case No. 2016-002228

ADDENDUM TO
RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO STAY AND HOLD IN ABEYANCE
THE COURT'S CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONER'S
RULE 243(C), SCACR EXPLANATION

On November 16, 2016, Petitioner filed his required explanation pursuant to Rule 243(c), SCACR. With the explanation, Petitioner also moved to stay consideration of his explanation until this Court issued a ruling in *Robertson v. State*, Appellate Case No. 2012-205909 (argued October 8, 2015). On November 28, 2016, Respondent filed its opposition to the petition to stay. Respondent submits this addendum to the response in opposition in light of the issuance of this Court's opinion in *Robertson v. State*, Opinion No. 27691 (S.C.Sup.Ct. filed Dec. 14, 2016). Respondent submits since this Court has decided *Robertson*, Petitioner's motion to stay consideration of his explanation is moot. *See, e.g., Linda Mc Co. v. Shore*, 390 S.C. 543, 557, 703 S.E.2d 499, 506 (2010) (mootness arises "when some event occurs" negating possibility of relief) (citations omitted).

Respectfully submitted,

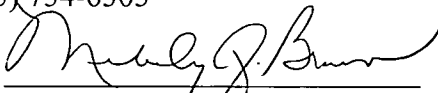
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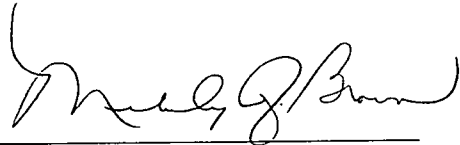
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I, Melody J. Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General, certify that I have served the foregoing *Addendum to Response in Opposition to Petition to Stay and Hold in Abeyance the Court's Consideration of Petitioner's Rule 243(C), SCACR Explanation* on Petitioner by depositing one copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to his counsel as follows:

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