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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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

RE: *Mar'Reece Aldean Hughes v. State*, 00-CP-46-2051 (York County Capital Post-Conviction-Relief Action) – Status


Dear Mr. Shearouse:

This case remains pending pre-hearing and Mr. Hughes remains incompetent. *See Hughes v. State*, 367 S.C. 389, 626 S.E.2d 805 (2006). Additionally, I am under a protective order in the Dylann Roof matter in Charleston County that precludes me being called for trial until 90 days after the Roof trial, which is currently scheduled for January 2017, but is likely to be continued.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions in this matter or if I can provide you with any additional information.

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Sincerely,



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