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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, S.C. Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
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Re: State v. Donald Lamon Young, Appellate Case No. 2014-002655

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On December 8, 2016, the Court (1) remanded the above-referenced case for reconstruction of the record, (2) ordered me to contact the Honorable J. Mark Hayes, III, and counsel for Respondent within ten days of the order, and (3) ordered me to provide an update to you no later than fifteen days from the date of the order. Unfortunately, we failed to calendar the first deadline. As a result, I failed to comply with the Court's directive. I sincerely apologize. On December 21, 2016, beyond the ten-day deadline, I wrote to Judge Hayes and advised him of this Court's order. I copied the Solicitor on the letter.

Today, I am writing to you to provide you with an update. J. Benjamin Aplin with the Attorney General's Office wrote to the Solicitor on December 20, 2016, and copied me on the correspondence. Upon receipt of this correspondence, I realized we had failed to calendar this case properly and began making efforts to rectify my error. In the letter, Mr. Aplin requested that I provide Assistant Solicitor Betty Strom with the portions of the trial which were transcribed. On December 21, 2016, I wrote to Ms. Strom and provided her with copies of the portions of the trial transcript I was able to obtain.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Hackett
Appellate Defender

cc: Hon. W. Walter Wilkins, III
Donald L. Young