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Mr. Eric Q. Tindal, 243834
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Re: Eric Q. Tindal v. State
Appellate Case No. 2016-001692
Lower Court Case No. 2015CP1400345

Dear Mr. Tindal:

As you know, the circuit court in this case determined that you were entitled to an *Austin v. State*¹ belated review of the order issued in 2011CP1400595 (2011 case). Regarding the review of the order in the 2011 case, your counsel has submitted a petition for writ of certiorari indicating that this appeal is without merit and moves to be relieved as your counsel. *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988). The records of this Court reflect that counsel served you with a copy of the Petition and Appendix.

You may, within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter, file with this Court a *pro se* response to the petition filed by your counsel. In this response, you may raise and argue any issues you believe the Court should consider in reviewing the order issued in the 2011 case. Upon receipt of your *pro se* response or the

¹ 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991).

expiration of forty-five (45) days, the matter will be submitted to the Court for its consideration.

If you do decide to file a *pro se* response, the response must be either typewritten or legibly hand printed, and must have at least a one inch margin on all sides. Further, you will need to only submit one copy of your response, and this copy **should not be stapled or bound in any manner.**

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: Daniel Francis Gourley, II, Esquire
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