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April 26, 2017

Ms. Julie L. Gookins, #370329
Camille Graham Correctional Inst.
4450 Broad River Road
Columbia SC 29210

Re: The State v. Julie Lynn Gookins
Appellate Case No. 2016-002255

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SC Court of Appeals

Dear Ms. Gookins:

This responds to your correspondence dated April 20, 2017.

The South Carolina Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal in this case by order dated January 20, 2017. Under Rule 221 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), any petition for rehearing regarding this order had to be received by the Court of Appeals on or before February 6, 2017.

When no petition for rehearing was received by the Court of Appeals, it appears that the Court of Appeals properly sent the remittitur on February 8, 2017. The sending of the remittitur ended appellate jurisdiction over this case. *Wise v. S.C. Dept. of Corr.*, 372 S.C. 173, 642 S.E.2d 551 (2007). Therefore, no further motions or petitions can be considered in this matter.

Further, under Rule 242(a), SCACR, this Court will only review a final decision of the Court of Appeals, and a decision is not final for the purposes of review until a petition for rehearing or reinstatement has been acted on by the Court of Appeals. Rule 242(c), SCACR. Since no petition for rehearing or reinstatement has been

ruled on by the Court of Appeals, there is no final decision which can be reviewed by this Court in the above case.

If you believe that you have received ineffective assistance of counsel, I would encourage you to review the South Carolina Post-Conviction Procedure Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 17-27-10 to 160 and Rule 71.1 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. A copy of the Code of Laws and the Rules of Civil Procedure should be available to you in your prison library. Please note that the time to file an application seeking relief under that act is limited.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "J. Williams", written over a horizontal line.

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cc: Anne Millar Williams, Esquire
Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire
The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings (with copy of correspondence)