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Mr. Taurus Watts, 324820  
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Re: Taurus Watts v. State  
Appellate Case No. 2016-000500

Dear Watts:

This responds to your recent letter. Since the Division of Appellate Defense remains associated in this case, the time for the State to serve and file a return to the petition does not expire until May 29, 2017, under the enclosed order of this Court dated July 15, 2003.<sup>1</sup>

Further, in light of its workload, the Office of the Attorney General will most likely ask for and be granted several extensions to file the return to your petition. Therefore, I would ask for your patience as it may take some time for the return to be served and filed in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: James Clayton Mitchell, III, Esquire  
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<sup>1</sup> Rule 227 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR) was renumbered as Rule 243, SCACR, on April 29, 2009.