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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: *Steven Vernon Bixby v. South Carolina*  
Case Number: 2011-CP-01-110

Dear Mr. Shearouse:


Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case.

Mr. Bixby's case is set for an evidentiary hearing beginning on December 10, 2012. On October 22, 2012 Counsel for Mr. Bixby provided counsel for the state with discovery, including expert witness reports and voluminous documents from trial counsel's file.

Counsel for Mr. Bixby has obtained written affidavits, identified lay and expert witnesses, and has continued to prepare for the hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
John R. Mills  
Attorney

cc: Daniel J. Westbrook, Esq.  
Melody Brown, Esq.

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