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

Dear Mr. Watts:

This responds to your letter dated May 25, 2017. I am sorry that you were not aware of this Court's order dated July 15, 2003.¹ This, of course, is one of the hazards you assumed when you decided to represent yourself in this matter.

The increased time periods in the July 15, 2003, order were given in recognition of the large number of appellate cases the Division of Appellate Defense and the Office of the Attorney General handle using a relative limited number of attorneys. Since those concerns are not applicable to you as a self-represented person, this Court's order of February 28, 2017, gave you the normal thirty day period provided by Rule 243, SCACR.

Very truly yours,

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cc: James Clayton Mitchell, III, Esquire

¹ So far, the Court has not chosen to incorporate the language of this order into Rule 243 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). I note that Rule 227, SCACR, was renumbered as Rule 243, SCACR, in April 2009.