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S.C. SUPREME COURT

RE: Dominique Roscell Johnson v. The State
Appellate Case No. 2017-000827

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

In the normal course of dealings, our office sometimes receives copies of Notices of Appeals that are sent to the Supreme Court for filing from the PCR attorney – and sometimes we do not. I would estimate that we are served with copies of Notices of Appeal from PCR attorneys in less than half of the appeals filed by PCR attorneys. However, we always receive notification from this Court when a case is going forward, specifically meaning any successive or time barred PCR has been addressed by the Court, and this Court has determined that the appeal will go forward.

In this case, our office received a copy of the Notice of Appeal from Tommy Thomas' office on April 7, 2017. However, our office did not receive notification from the Supreme Court until June 7, 2017 indicating that the Notice of Appeal that had been filed in the above-referenced case and was ready to proceed. On June 13, 2017 the Affidavit of Indigency submitted to our office for Mr. Johnson was reviewed and approved for this office to perfect the appeal on his behalf. A letter was placed in the mail on June 13, 2017 to Attorney Tommy Thomas advising him that our office had approved Mr. Johnson for representation (copy attached). The transcript request was sent to Bethany Creppon on June 13, 2017 requesting the transcript necessary for the above-referenced appeal (copy attached).

Thank you for allowing me to explain what occurred in this case. If you need any additional information or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

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Attachments

cc: Attorney General's Office