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July 17, 2017

Clerk of Court  
South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
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**SC Court of Appeals**

RE: State v. Orlando M. Coleman  
Appellate Case No. 2015-000611

Dear Clerk:

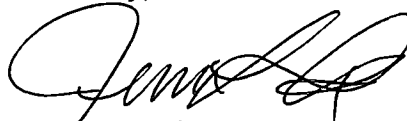
I hope this letter finds you well. I am in receipt of the Court's letter indicating possible oral argument dates in November 2017. During that month I am scheduled to be out on maternity leave and will be unable to attend any dates proposed. A copy of my Order of Protection filed in the Charleston County General Sessions Court (GSC) is enclosed.

Upon my return on December 1, 2017, Charleston GSC is scheduled to hold a trial/plea week the week of December 11. Due to my prior three month absence, I presume the week of December 11 will be rather occupied by either trials or pleas of cases I've had on hold during that time.

Other than those conflicts, I should be able to consider any dates the Court would like to schedule an oral argument should our case be selected.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions regarding this information. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jessica L. Birt  
Assistant Public Defender

Enclosures: as stated

cc (w/encl.): Mark Farthing  
Robert M. Dudek

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON )  
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IN RE: )  
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THE MATTER OF THE DEFENDANTS )  
REPRESENTED BY: )  
JESSICA L. BIRT, )  
Assistant Public Defender )  
Charleston County Public Defender's Office )  
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IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER OF PROTECTION

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UPON MOTION of the Public Defender of Charleston County and,

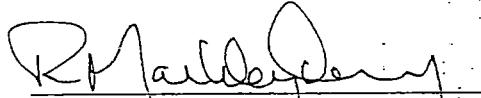
~~IT APPEARING~~ that Jessica L. Birt will be on maternity leave starting August 21, 2017 until

December 1, 2017, and that she be protected on those dates.

IT FURTHER APPEARING that above referenced attorney does not have any dates certain for the above stated dates;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any Defendants represented by the above-captioned attorney shall not be called for plea, trial, or for any court appearances on the above referenced dates.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

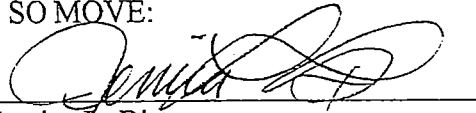
  
The Honorable R. Markley Dennis Jr.  
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Ninth Judicial Circuit

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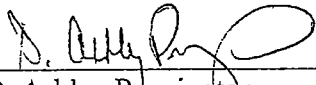
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Dated: 7/11/17

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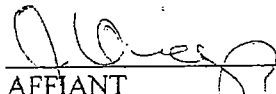
  
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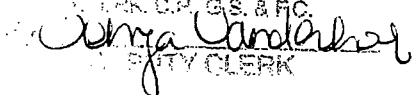
APPROVED:

  
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D. Ashley Pennington  
Ninth Circuit Public Defender

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY HAND DELIVERY

The undersigned certifies that this Protection Order was served upon the Office of the Solicitor for the Ninth Judicial Circuit on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017 via email. This Order will be submitted to the Court for approval unless the Solicitor objects in writing within three (3) business days.

  
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AFFIANT

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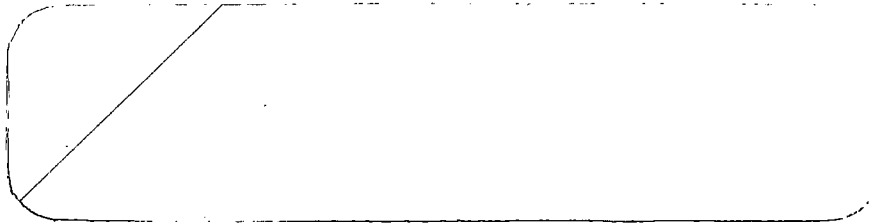
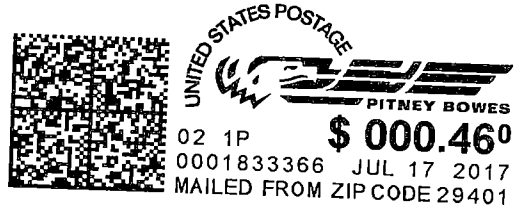
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