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Mr. Richard W. Stokes, 134422
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4460 Broad River Road
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Re: Richard W. Stokes v. State
Appellate Case No. 2017-001603

Dear Petitioner:

This Court has received the notice of appeal in the above post-conviction relief action. Since the order of the circuit court determined that this action is barred as being successive and/or as being untimely under the statute of limitations, Rule 243(c) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules requires you to provide a written explanation as to why this determination was improper. This explanation must contain sufficient facts, argument and citation to legal authority to show that there is an arguable basis for asserting that the determination by the lower court was improper. The failure to make a sufficient showing may result in the dismissal of this matter.

Please provide the explanation required by Rule 243(c) within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda J. Shealy". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

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cc:

Lindsey Ann McCallister, Esquire