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Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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Re: The State v. Joey Latwan Gibson
Appellate Case No. 2016-001585

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter written from Lieutenant Jennifer M. Nates, of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, to the undersigned, concerning the gunshot residue analysis performed by SLED trace evidence analyst Whitney Berry in Mr. Gibson's case.

Citing to a source outside of the record, Appellant states in his Initial Brief that Ms. Berry has resigned from SLED after SLED found inaccuracies in a number of her prior reports. (Initial Br. of App. at 6-7). The enclosed letter confirms the testing conducted in the present case was not part of Ms. Berry's work requiring any corrective action. I wish to notify the court of the same contemporaneous to the filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent.

By copy of this letter, I am serving opposing counsel with same. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Caroline M. Scramton
Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosure



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RE: Gunshot Residue (GSR) Analysis
State v. Joey Latwan Gibson
SLED Lab Number: L14-10476

Dear Ms. Scrantom,

As part of the SLED Forensic Services Quality system, a corrective action for Trace gunshot residue (GSR) analysis was recently conducted. Through this corrective action investigation, it was determined that the above case was not impacted. The audit did not find any non-conformities for analyses conducted on the platform used in the analysis of the evidence for this case.

Please contact me for additional inquiries or questions at 803-896-7265 or jnates@sled.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jennifer M. Nates'.

Jennifer M. Nates
Lieutenant, Trace Evidence Department



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