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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
PO Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: The State v. Patrick O'Neil McGowan, Appellate Case No. 2016-001220

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Though Respondent requested that this Court hold the above-referenced case in abeyance, this Court's Order instructed Appellant's counsel to provide this Court with status updates every thirty days. As of the writing of this letter, the Supreme Court has not issued any opinion in State v. King, 412 S.C. 403, 772 S.E.2d 189 (Ct. App. 2015), *cert granted* (Mar. 28, 2016), *argued* (Sept. 7, 2016). As counsel for Appellant articulated in her opposition to the motion for abeyance, the Supreme Court has no timeframe in which it is required to render any decision in King.

This case been held in abeyance for sixty days. The initial brief of appellant was filed in this case on May 11, 2017. Due to this abeyance, the State has not filed an initial brief of respondent.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Appellate Defender

cc: William F. Schumacher, Esquire