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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The South Carolina Supreme Court
Daniel E. Shearouse, Clerk of Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Anthony Briggs #267080 v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No.: 2107-002105

Dear Sir or Madam:

I represented Mr. Anthony Briggs in a Post-Conviction Relief Action. I filed a Notice of Appeal on his behalf. I have not been retained to represent him regarding this Appeal. However, I am trying to make sure that his interests are protected. I forwarded this case to Appellate Defense and just recently received in letter from them regarding the Affidavit of Indigency. I forwarded an Affidavit of Indigency on September 20, 2017 and also spoke with Mr. Briggs on October 10, 2017. In that conversation he indicated that he wished for Appellate Defense to represent him, because he is indigent and I indicated to him the importance of filling out the Affidavit and returning it to me immediately. I have forwarded him another copy of the Affidavit yesterday.

As you may be aware, the South Carolina Department of Corrections has been having some significant problems recently. Most of the institutions stay on lock down and it is very difficult for the inmates to get to the mail room to return documents. In addition, I had difficulty trying to speak with him on the telephone.

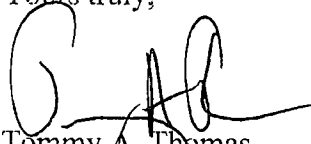
Initially, I was going to request an extension to Order the Transcript. However, after further review of the file, I noticed that we already have a copy of the PCR transcript. I wanted to advise the Court of this.

If necessary, I would like to request an extension of time to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix. I am hopeful that we can resolve the issue of the signed Affidavit of Indigency and get that to Appellate Defense as soon as possible.

Please let me know if there is anything else that needs to be done to protect Mr. Briggs interest in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I hope everyone has a happy Holiday.

Yours truly,



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cc: Appellate Defense
Valerie Giovanoli, Esq.
Anthony Briggs #267080

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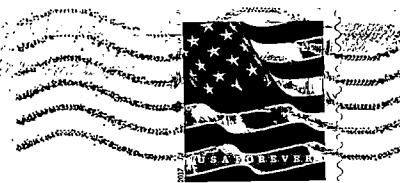
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