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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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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. On October 25, 2017, the Supreme Court filed a published opinion in State v. King, Op. No. 27744 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed Oct. 25, 2017) (Shearouse Adv. Sh. No. 40 at 22). The Court affirmed as modified the Court of Appeals' opinion in State v. King, 412 S.C. 403, 772 S.E.2d 189 (Ct. App. 2015). The State filed a petition for rehearing on November 16, 2017. As a result, the King opinion is not yet final.

This case been held in abeyance for one-hundred and twenty 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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