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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
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RE: State v. Arnold Lea Ward
Appellate Case No: 2015-002107

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal Return to Appellant's Motion to Dismiss Initial Brief of Respondent. Respondent addressed Appellant's previous attempts to prevent Respondent from submitting an Initial Brief on grounds of default in its January 4, 2018 return to Appellant's Motion for Default. After review of Appellant's motion, the circumstances appear to be no different; therefore, the State's response is hereby incorporated by reference.

Sincerely,

J. Benjamin Aplin
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cc: Arnold L. Ward, #109169
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