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Mr. Daniel E. Shearouse, Clerk
South Carolina Supreme Court
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RE: Stephen C. Stanko, #6022 vs. State of South Carolina
Case No.: 2008-CP-22-1446

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

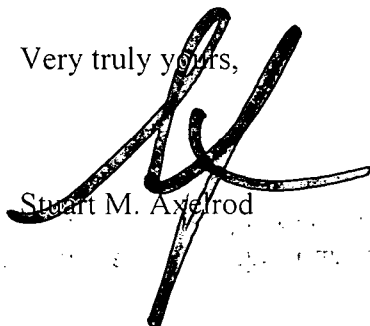
Pursuant to In Re Stays, 471 S.E.2d 140 (S.C. 1996), I am writing to the Court to provide a status of the above-referenced case to ensure the pending stay of execution is continued for our client, Stephen C. Stanko, #6022.

Please be advised that it has been brought to my attention that our second chair counsel, J.A. Ritner, Esquire, has requested to be removed from the case due to a conflict. The request is still pending with Judge Baxley.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Stuart M. Axelrod

cc: Honorable J. Michael Baxley
J. Anthony Mabry, Esquire
J.A. Ritner, Esquire