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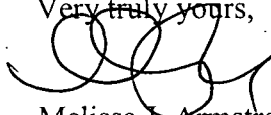
Re: Anthony Woods v. State, 09-CP-14-1654

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am writing to update the court on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case. This case is pending hearing before the Honorable Judge George C. James and a hearing is to be scheduled in early 2013. Mental retardation is an issue raised in this litigation and the Court and parties to this action are awaiting a report from the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, which is necessary in order for the case to be scheduled.

Should the Court have any questions concerning this case, please do not hesitate to contact me. As noted above, my physical office address and contact number have changed.

Very truly yours,



Melissa J. Armstrong

cc: S.C. Office of the Attorney General