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SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: The State v. Kevin Lamar Gary, Appellate Case No. 2016-001603

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On August 15, 2017, this Court granted Respondent's motion for abeyance in the above-referenced case and instructed Appellant's counsel to provide this Court with status updates every thirty days. As of the writing of this letter, our Supreme Court has not issued any amended opinion in State v. Michael V. Beaty, Jr., Op. No. 27693, 2016 WL 7474479 (S.C. filed Dec. 29, 2016), *rehearing granted* (Mar. 24, 2017). Oral argument in Beaty was held on June 15, 2017.

This case has been held in abeyance for eight months and three days. The amended initial brief of appellant was filed on March 31, 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,

Laura R. Baer
Appellate Defender w/ permission

cc: David Spencer, Esq.
Kevin Gary