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April 30, 2018

Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court, Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
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SC Court of Appeals

Re: Kinjta Kadeem Sadler v. State, Appellate Case No. 2016-001716

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I represent Mr. Sadler in the above-referenced PCR appeal. On May 1, 2017, a petition pursuant to Johnson v. State was filed in this case. On November 15, 2017, this Court reversed the conviction of Raymond Lewis Young based upon the trial judge erring when ruling upon a Batson motion. State v. Raymond Lewis Young, Op. No. 2017-UP-426 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Nov. 15, 2017). Mr. Young was a co-defendant of Mr. Sadler at the trial. According to this Court's opinion, the Batson motion was preserved for all defendants. Nevertheless, Mr. Sadler's appellate attorney did not raise the issue on direct appeal. After this Court's opinion in Young was issued, Mr. Sadler moved to amend his *pro se* brief to include a claim that appellate counsel was ineffective for failing to raise the Batson issue on appeal. This Court granted his motion to amend.

The state filed a petition for writ of certiorari challenging this Court's ruling in Young. On April 19, 2018, the Supreme Court denied the petition. In light of Mr. Sadler's amended *pro se* brief raising the issue presented in Young's case, I wanted to make this Court aware of the Supreme Court's recent action on the matter.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Hackett
Appellate Defender

Enclosure: Order denying certiorari (Young)

cc: Kinjta Sadler (w/ enclosures)

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

The State, Petitioner,

v.

Raymond Lewis Young, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2018-000208
Lower Case Nos. 2011GS2308010, 2011GS2308011,
2011GS2308012, 2011GS2308013, 2011GS2308014,
2011GS2308015, 2011GS2308016, 2011GS2308017,
2011GS2308018, 2012GS2303838

ORDER

Based on the vote of the Court, the petition for a writ of certiorari is denied.

FOR THE COURT

BY



CLERK

Columbia, South Carolina

April 19, 2018

cc: Alan McGrory Wilson, Esquire
John Benjamin Aplin, Esquire
William Walter Wilkins, III, Esquire
J. Falkner Wilkes, Esquire
The Honorable Paul B. Wickensimer
The Honorable Jenny Kitchings