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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
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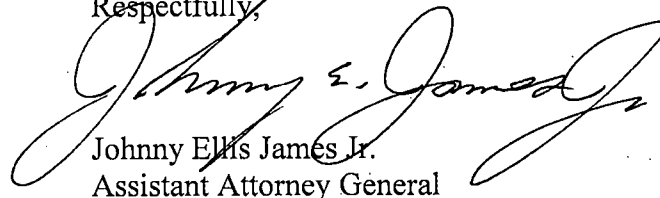
Re: Theodore Wills, Jr. v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2018-000054

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The State is in receipt of the Petitioner's motion dated July 5, 2018, requesting the above appeal be reinstated. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal return to Petitioner's motion. Respondent has no objection to Petitioner's request. As the remittitur has not yet been issued, and because Petitioner is entitled to "one bite at the apple," reinstatement is appropriate in the interest of fairness and judicial efficiency. See Austin v. State, 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991) (PCR applicants entitled to seek appellate review); Mangal v. State, 421 S.C. 85, 805 S.E.2d 568 (2017) (encouraging courts to use discretion in procedural matters to find reasonable ways within the flexibility of the rules to reach the merits of substantial issues).

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



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