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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Supreme Court of South Carolina
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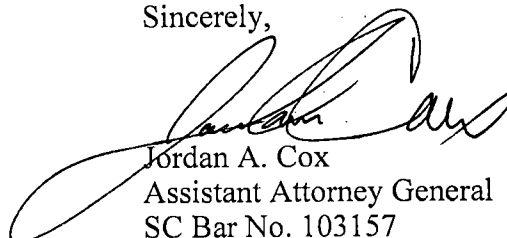
Re: James Dawkins, #345172 v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2017-001534
Lower Court Case No. 2016-CP-11-0308

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

On July 17, 2018, Petitioner filed with the Court a Petition for Writ of Certiorari. This petition is a request for belated review of a denial of post-conviction relief. On the same day, Petitioner filed a "Johnson Petitioner for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State." Within the Johnson petition, counsel for Petitioner has requested to be relieved of counsel.

Respondent would consent to the Court granting a belated review, pursuant to Austin v. State, 305 S.C. 453, 246 S.E.2d 395 (1991). We request the Court to grant a review of Petitioner's case, based on the grounds put forward in the Johnson petition. Respondent does not intend to file a separate response to Petitioner's Johnson Petition. If the Court would prefer a formal response in the form of a Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, Respondent would do so expeditiously.

Sincerely,



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