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February 15, 2018

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
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Re: Brantley Clarke v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2017-000841

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am retained counsel for the perfection of this Post-Conviction Relief appeal. My Reply to the State's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due on today's date, February 15, 2018. Due to recent orthopedic issues that have caused me to be out of work extensively for the past three weeks, I have not yet been able to determine yet whether a Reply will be necessary. I respectfully request a 10-day extension of time in which to prepare and submit my Reply to the State's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari on behalf of this client if I determine a Reply is necessary. If I conclude that a Reply is not warranted, I will notify the Court of my decision.

There have been no previous extension requests at this stage of this appeal. By copy of this letter, I am advising opposing counsel, W. Joseph Maye, Assistant Attorney General, of this request. With my thanks for the Court's kind assistance in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "S".

Tara Dawn Shurling
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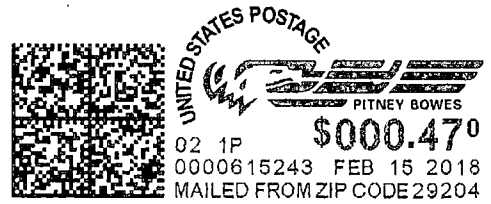
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