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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, S.C. Supreme Court
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Re: *State of South Carolina v. Preston Shands, Jr.*
Appeals Case No. 2018-001673

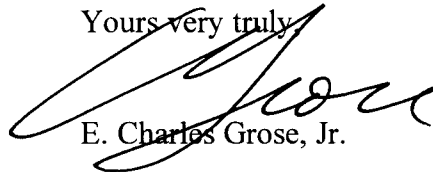
Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Pursuant to Rule 208(b)(7), SCACR, Mr. Shands informs this Court that the Supreme Court of the United States, on November 2, 2018, granted a writ of *certiorari* in *Flowers v. Mississippi*, Case No. 17-9572,¹ to consider whether the Mississippi Supreme Court erred in how it applied *Batson v. Kentucky*, 476 U. S. 79 (1986). This opinion in *Flowers* likely will be relevant to the first question presented in Mr. Shands' petition for a writ of *certiorari*.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,



E. Charles Grose, Jr.

cc: Mr. Preston Shands, Jr.
David Spencer, Esquire

¹ The docket and court filings in *Flowers v. Mississippi* can be viewed at <https://www.supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docket/docketfiles/html/public/17-9572.html> (last viewed Nov. 7, 2018).