

December 3, 2018

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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RE: Thomas Thompson v SCDPPPS

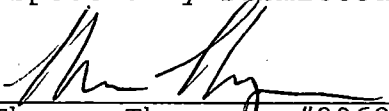
Case No. 2018-001557

Dear Ms Kitchings,

I am writing this letter in response to the letter I received from Deputy Clerk V. Claire Allen dated November 27, 2018 which stated that my Appellant's initial reply brief was filed on November 16, 2018 and had been due on November 6, 2018. According to my records these dates are both inaccurate. On November 1, 2018 I signed for and received from the Tyger River Mailroom a copy of Respondent's initial brief and designation of matter both dated October 29, 2018. On November 9, 2018 I deposited my initial reply brief along with proof of service both dated November 9, 2018 in the US Mail box located on the lower yard at Tyger River CI in prepaid stamped envelopes. I also received a copy of the letter Deputy Clerk V. Claire Allen sent to Respondent's counsel Tommy Evans, Jr dated November 6, 2018 informing him that his filing was late. On the same day, November 30, 2018 which I received the above mentioned letter regarding my reply brief I received a copy of the Order dated November 27, 2018 granting Respondent's Motion to file their initial brief and designation of matter late. It is my understanding that Respondent's initial brief was not officially filed until the date of this order.

Taking the above facts into consideration it is evident that I, the Appellant, have followed SCRC 208 and 233. Please take into consideration that the SCDC is severely understaffed and I as an inmate cannot be held liable for their inability to process and deliver mail in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,



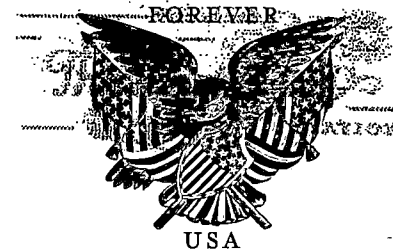
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