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Mr. Dan Shearouse  
Clerk of the S.C. Supreme Court  
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RE: Kenneth Justus vs. State of S.C.  
Case No. 11-CP-18-1933

**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

This letter is sent to you pursuant to *In Re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996). Please consider this letter as a status report to Court Administration, as required every 60 days, regarding this capital PCR case and the current stay of execution concerning Mr. Justus. This letter was due on: January 18, 2013.

A First Amended PCR Application was filed on January 17, 2013. Judge Harrington had scheduled the matter for an evidentiary hearing, commencing on March 18, 2013. However, undersigned counsel (Bloom) is in a multi-defendant criminal trial in U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, and it is set for trial beginning February 11 through March 22, 2013. In fact, the Hon. Cameron Currie contacted Judge Harrington and requested some accommodation by the state court, because Judge Currie had to plan around the schedules of more than 20 different attorneys in the multi-defendant federal case. Thus, the PCR hearing will be continued from March 18<sup>th</sup>, to another date. Judge Harrington has tentatively scheduled a status conference for March 22, 2013, so as to re-schedule matters accordingly.

The next status letter will issue to you on or about: March 19, 2013. Please feel free to call me with any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey P. Bloom

cc: Anthony Mabry, Asst. Attorney General  
L. Lesesne Hendricks Jr., Esq.