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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State v. David Harold Campbell: Appellate Case No: 2017-001229

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Respondent (the State) is in receipt of Appellant's January 3, 2019, letter seeking a continued stay of this direct appeal while he seeks permission from the lower court to get a second opinion from a different expert regarding the authenticity of the audio backup recordings of his trial in the above entitled case. The State has no objection to the request to stay this appeal for another sixty (60) days pending resolution of Appellant's upcoming request to Judge Russo for permission to have a new expert examine the audio records, despite the first expert's conclusion that he did not find any initial indications of malicious alterations. The State, however, does object to the underlying request for further examination of the audio records and will raise that objection to Judge Russo at the appropriate time. The State also will object to release of the *original* audio records to any other entity other than the Office of Court Administration.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Thomas A. Russo, Circuit Court Judge
The Honorable Renee Elvis, Clerk of Court, Horry County
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