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Re: State v. Jermaine Fuller

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This letter will serve as a response to Mr. Fuller's Motion to Relieve Counsel and Proceed Pro Se and William Blich's letter of January 2, 2013. I do not oppose Mr. Fuller's Motion. He understands the dangers of self-representation, that he will be held to the same standard as an attorney, and that our Courts strictly enforce the rules of error preservation.

He was previously represented by Elizabeth Franklin-Best of this office. She filed an initial brief on his behalf and then placed his appeal in abeyance pending receipt of an additional transcript. Ms. Franklin-Best left this office before the transcript was received and his case was assigned to me. After receiving this transcript, I took the appeal out of abeyance. The next procedural step in the case would normally be the filing of the State's Initial Brief of Respondent.

Mr. Fuller wishes to raise issues arising from this recently received transcript. I do not want to see Mr. Fuller deprived of his ability to bring any matters he wishes to raise to the Court's attention. If the Court has any further questions, concerns, or instructions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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