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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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Re: William H. McCladdie v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2016-001979

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please accept this letter in response to the Court's June 11, 2019, letter asking the State for an update on the status of Mr. McCladdie's case. If the Court would prefer a more formal response, please let me know and I will be happy to provide one.

Following this Court's March 21, 2019, order holding Mr. McCladdie's appeal in abeyance and remanding the matter back to the circuit court to conduct a hearing to determine whether Mr. McCladdie knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waived his post-conviction relief claims other than his claim that he was entitled to belated appellate review, and if necessary, to resolve these other claims, the State asked the Aiken County Clerk of Court to re-open Mr. McCladdie's lower court file and communicated with Appellate Counsel Susan B. Hackett and prior PCR counsel Aimee Zmroczek to determine who would represent Mr. McCladdie on remand. Ms. Zmroczek agreed to resume her representation of Mr. McCladdie and the parties agreed to place the matter on the upcoming post-conviction relief term for the Second Judicial Circuit.

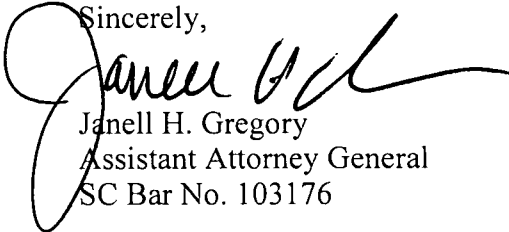
On May 16, 2019, Mr. McCladdie had a hearing before the Honorable J. Cordell Maddox, circuit court judge, during the Second Circuit's May post-conviction relief term. During that hearing, Mr. McCladdie testified he did not intend to waive his post-conviction relief allegations when he signed the consent order granting him belated appellate review. At the conclusion of that hearing, Judge Maddox granted Mr. McCladdie a full evidentiary hearing on his previously filed post-conviction relief application. Following this hearing, Ms. Zmroczek moved to be relieved as counsel for Mr. McCladdie, and accordingly, Ms. Zmroczek was relieved as counsel and Arthur K. Aiken was appointed to represent Mr. McCladdie.

It is the State's understanding that Mr. McCladdie's full post-conviction relief hearing will take place during the next post-conviction relief term for the Second Circuit, which is scheduled for the week of September 30, 2019.

Additionally, as I will be counsel for the State on this matter, please substitute undersigned counsel as counsel of record for the State in the above-referenced post-conviction relief matter and remove Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Megan Harrigan Jameson as counsel of record.

Please let me know if I can provide any more information for the Court on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janell H. Gregory". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

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cc: Susan B. Hackett, Esquire
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