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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Adrian K. Neal v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2019-000149
Lower Court Case No. 2018-CP-24-00267

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State in the above captioned case. The only issue raised in the former Petition is whether the PCR Court correctly granted Petitioner's request for a belated PCR appeal of his first PCR action pursuant to Austin v. State, 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991). The State is not challenging the grant of the Austin review on appeal. Therefore, as the latter Petition has been filed pursuant to Johnson v. State, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 210 (1988), the State does not intend to file a responsive pleading unless directed to do so by the Court. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal Return in this case.

Sincerely,

Janell H. Gregory
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Wanda H. Carter, Esquire