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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
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RE: Vernard Jerome Mathis, #297034 v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2018-000779,
Lower Case No. 2013-CP-29-00951

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The State has filed a Motion to Strike in the above captioned PCR appeal. By my calculation, my Reply to that motion would be due today. I finally had my hip replacement surgery on October the 11th in Conway, SC. I was able to return to the office very briefly on October 28th, but was sick with a high fever and could not stay long.

Thankfully, my fever turned out to be from a stomach virus going around and was not related to my hip replacement surgery. I am still sick with that bug, as is my paralegal, but I came in today briefly to take care of getting this request for an additional 10 days to file my Reply to this motion filed. I was not able to discuss this request opposing counsel, Samuel L. Key, and he has kindly said that he will have no objection to this request.

I am recovering nicely from my hip surgery and am looking forward to getting caught up and back to my usual activity level. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, your staff and, of course, the Court, for their kindness over the last year as I struggled with this medical problem. It was much appreciated and I am excited to be on the mend. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling".

Tara Dawn Shurling
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Enclosures

cc: Samuel L. Key, Attorney General (w/enclosure)
Vernard J. Mathis, #297034 (w/enclosure)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM Horry COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Court Judge

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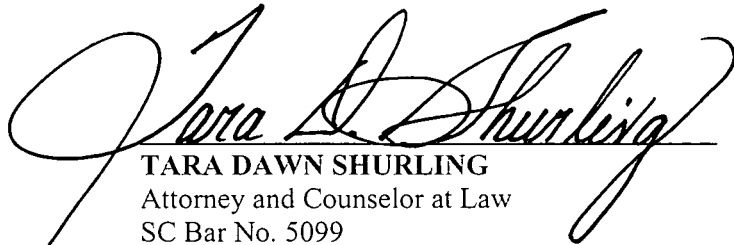
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a copy of the Request for Extension of Time in Which to File Reply to Motion to Strike, has been served upon opposing counsel, Samuel L. Key, Assistant Attorney General, this the 30th day of October, 2019, by U.S. mail to the address listed below.

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