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December 30, 2019

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

RE: Rodney Galimore v. State
Appellate Case No: 2019-001338

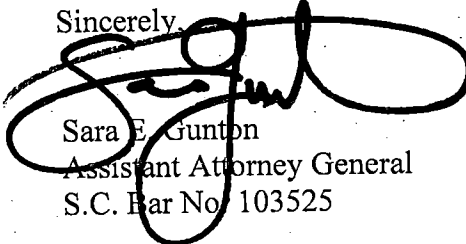
Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Respondent is in receipt of Petitioner's Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance and Remand for Reconstruction of the PCR Record, dated December 17, 2019, in the above referenced case. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal response.

Respondent opposes Petitioner's motion to remand, as Petitioner bears the burden of providing the court with a record sufficient to allow appellate review, it is unclear why Petitioner has not reached out to all parties involved with the underlying PCR hearing in order to determine if the exhibits do, in fact, need to be reconstructed. This includes then-counsel for Respondent, former Assistant Attorney General Christian Saville, South Carolina Court Administration, and the Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, PCR judge. Because the undersigned did not handle the underlying PCR evidentiary hearing, it is imperative that these options are exhausted before Respondent will consent to remand for reconstruction of the PCR record.

As to the motion to hold deadlines in abeyance, Respondent joins in the motion pending final resolution of Petitioner's motion to remand. If this Court needs any further information or desires a more thorough response, Respondent will promptly provide a formal return to Petitioner's Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance and Remand for Reconstruction of the PCR Record.

Sincerely,



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