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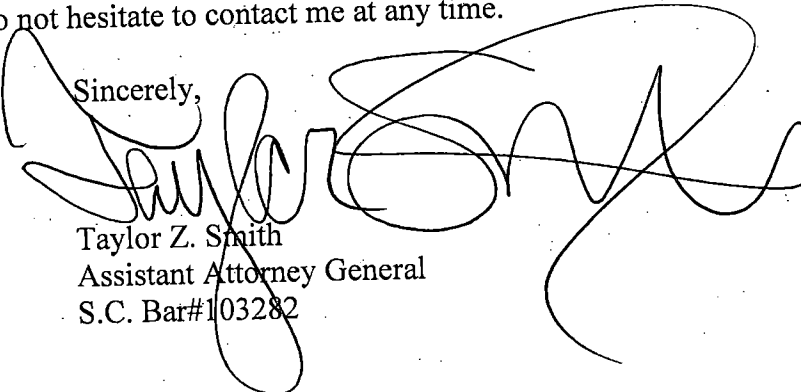
The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk – South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**Re: Justin Ryan Cone, 362238 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2019-000437**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2017-CP-39-0928**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Brief of Appellant Pursuant to White v. State in the above captioned case. Whether the PCR Court was correct or erred in granting a belated direct appeal review pursuant to White v. State, 236 S.C. 110, 108 S.E.2d 35 (1974), is the only issue raised in the Petition for Writ of Certiorari. As such, the state does not intend to file a responsive pleading. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal Return in this case. If a more formal response is required, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

  
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