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Mr. Daniel E. Shearouse, Clerk
South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

RE: Stephen C. Stanko, #6022 vs. State of South Carolina
Case No.: 2008-CP-22-1446

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

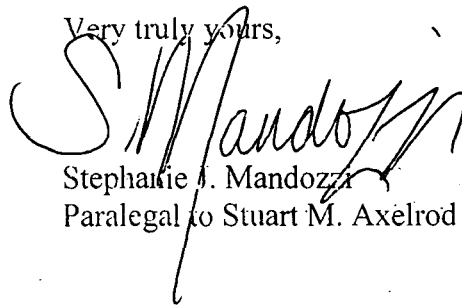
Pursuant to In Re Stays, 471 S.E.2d 140 (S.C. 1996), I am writing to the Court to provide a status of the above-referenced case to ensure the pending stay of execution is continued for our client, Stephen C. Stanko, #6022.

Please be advised that a hearing was held on January 23, 2013 in regards to the above-referenced matter in which second chair counsel, J.A. Ritner, Esquire was removed from the case. At this time, the appointment of a new second chair is still pending with Judge Baxley.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,



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cc: Honorable J. Michael Baxley
J. Anthony Mabry, Esquire