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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
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Re: *Rickey Lee Blackwell v. State of South Carolina*
Case Number 2018-CP-42-00928
60 Day Status Report

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

This letter is the sixty-day status report pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996).

By letter dated February 18, 2020, we reported, "Mr. Blackwell's pre-hearing investigation is ongoing." While Mr. Blackwell's pre-hearing investigation is still ongoing, the COVID-19 pandemic has limited our investigation. To comply with social distancing guidelines, we have postponed all activities that require travel or in person interviews.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,



E. Charles Grose, Jr.

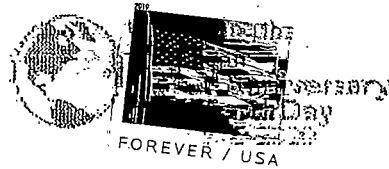
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