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May 18, 2020

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of the S.C. Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 11629  
Columbia, S.C. 29211

Re: State of South Carolina v. Marissa Cohen  
Appellate Case No. 2020-000134

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On May 12, 2020, we filed a motion requesting this case be held in abeyance due to a transcript that we requested. Our motion has not been granted by the Court; however, we received the transcript on May 18, 2020. Therefore, this case no longer needs to be held in abeyance.

We are still within our original time limit in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter, which is due on June 22, 2020. If this is not accurate, please contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ Kathrine H. Hudgins

Kathrine H. Hudgins  
Appellate Defender

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cc: William M. Blich, Esquire

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Georgetown County

Honorable Kristi F. Curtis, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MARISSA COHEN

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-000134

MOTION TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE

Counsel for Marissa Cohen respectfully requests that this case be held in abeyance until receipt of the Blair hearing transcript. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. While recently reviewing the transcripts counsel discovered that a *Blair*<sup>1</sup> hearing was held before the Honorable Steven John in General Sessions Court in Georgetown County on October 23, 2019. **This office had no notice of this hearing.** Counsel was unaware of this hearing and the transcript was not ordered.

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[State v. Blair](#), 275 S.C. 529, 273 S.E.2d 536 (1981).

2. On May 8, 2020, our office ordered the transcript from court reporter Cynthia Weaver.
3. Counsel will notify this Court immediately upon receipt of the transcript. There have been no extension requests made in this case.
4. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance until receipt of the *Blair* hearing transcript.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Kathrine H. Hudgins

Kathrine H. Hudgins  
Appellate Defender