



State of South Carolina
The Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit

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To: The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
The Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
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Re: Kenneth Harry Justus v. State of South Carolina (2011-CP-18-1933)

S.C. Supreme Court

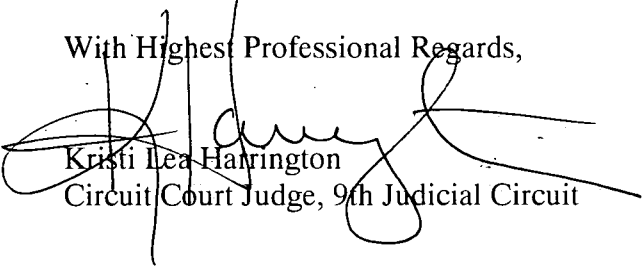
Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am writing to provide the Court with an update on the Post-Conviction Relief action filed by Kenneth Harry Justus. I was assigned to preside over this case by Order of the Supreme Court dated February 24, 2012. As previously indicated, Jeffery Bloom and L. Lesesne Hendricks, Jr. were appointed as counsel for Mr. Justus by Order dated March 26, 2012, and a Scheduling Order was issued on April 24, 2012, setting the date for the hearing on the merits to begin March 18, 2013. Unfortunately, the hearing is not ready to proceed as was originally scheduled.

A status conference for this case was held on December 21, 2012 in Dorchester County. At that time, Mr. Bloom requested a continuance for the hearing on the merits due to a scheduling conflict with a multi-defendant federal trial set before Judge Currie from February 11 through March 22, 2013. The Defendant subsequently filed a formal Motion to Continue Evidentiary Hearing in a Capital-PCR Case and to Re-Schedule Dates in Original Scheduling Order on January 17, 2013. The Defendant also filed his First Amended Application for Post-Conviction Relief in a Capital-PCR Case on the same date.

The Court has arranged to meet with counsel the week of March 18th in Dorchester County to set a final date for the hearing on the merits. If I can answer any questions regarding this case, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With Highest Professional Regards,


Kristi Lea Harrington
Circuit Court Judge, 9th Judicial Circuit