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*Re: The State v. Jason J. Owen, Appellate Case No. 2020-000175*

Dear Madam Clerk:

I received your letter of June 5, 2020, regarding the subject appeal of Jason Owen with the Court of Appeals. In your letter, you noted that Rule 207, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, requires the request or submission of a trial transcript to the Court of Appeals for pending appeals. No such information has been received by the Court of Appeals, pursuant to the Rule, in the subject case. As I was the trial defense attorney in this case and filed the notice of appeal, you requested an update from me regarding the transcript.

I apologize for any confusion about my status in Mr. Owen's case, but I represented the Appellant as his appointed public defender. I believe that the filed notice of appeal included information confirming my status at that time as an Assistant Public Defender. As you are aware, ma'am, Rule 402(e)(3), SCACR, states that, "Public Defenders shall be automatically relieved as appellate counsel for the accused, without obtaining leave to withdraw as provided in Rule 264, SCACR." Pursuant to Rule 402(e)(3), I was relieved as Mr. Owen's appellate counsel after the filing of his notice of appeal.

However, although I have returned to private practice, I am continuing to assist the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense Office of Appellate Defense in any manner that might be necessary to perfect Mr. Owen's appeal. In that respect, ma'am, I can inform the Court that I was informed by the Office of Appellate Defense after receipt of your letter that they are still attempting to obtain the trial transcript for one remaining pretrial motion hearing in the subject case. My understanding is that the Office of Appellate Defense was going to be contacting Court Administration to identify the court reporter for the one outstanding pretrial

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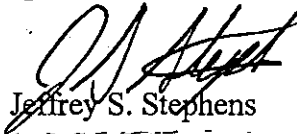
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court session. I must defer to the Office of Appellate Defense for any further information regarding this appeal.

Very truly yours,

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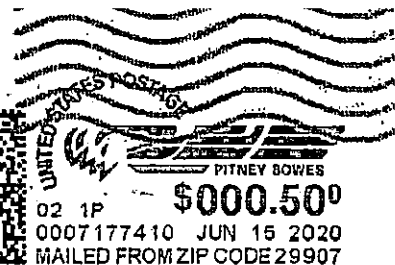
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