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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
South Carolina Supreme Court Clerk
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1330

Re: Vernard Jerome Mathis, #297034 v. State of South Carolina; 2013-CP-29-051.
Appellate Case No. 2018-000779

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

My optional Reply to the Respondent's Return in the above captioned PCR appeal was due on Monday, June 29, 2020. Unfortunately, this Reply was improperly calendared based upon the date I received the hardcopy of the Return in the mail, versus the date of service which included a service by email on the date it was mailed. I do not yet know if a Reply will even be necessary, but in an abundance of caution, I am now requesting a ten day extension of time in which to file a Reply, out of time, from the date of service, which would put place the deadline for service of any necessary Reply on July 9, 2020. There have been no previous extensions at this stage of this appeal. I have tried to contact opposing counsel. Samuel L. Key, concerning this matter, however, I have not had the opportunity to discuss this request with him. I would therefore ask that he relay his position concerning this request directly to the Court. I appreciate the Court's consideration of this request and remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tara Dawn Shurling
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Enclosures

cc: Samuel Key, Assistant Attorney General