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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
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P.O. Box 11629
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RE: State v. James Ginther
Appellate Case No: 2019-000672

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SC Court of Appeals

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This is a second update on the status of the reconstruction hearing ordered by this Court on June 4, 2020. I contacted defense counsel and received two transcripts of interviews law enforcement conducted with James Ginther and Rachel Salak. I have provided Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Melody Brown with copies of the transcripts to assist with reconstruction. I am hoping that after we both have had an opportunity to again talk with the trial lawyers and review other evidence that we can work toward a stipulation as to the content of the missing testimony. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathrine H. Hudgins
Appellate Defender

cc: Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Melody Brown

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