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Re: The State v Francisco Ortiz-Aguirre  
Appellate Case No. 2020-000992

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

Our office is in receipt of your letter dated August 14, 2020 regarding the motion to reconsider sentence in the subject case. Judge Mullen did not issue a ruling because there was not a formal hearing held on the motion. The email sent to counsel on July 9<sup>th</sup> reflected Judge Mullen's impression following an off-the-record status conference. The status conference was only held to determine if there was new or additional evidence not previously submitted and considered at the sentencing hearing to warrant a formal hearing on the record. After hearing informal argument from the State and the defense, it was determined that such evidence did not exist.

Please let me know if you have further questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Wilkes-D'Amato".

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