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Mr. Daniel E. Shearouse, Clerk  
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P.O. Box 11330  
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**RE: Stephen C. Stanko, #6022 vs. State of South Carolina**  
**Case No.: 2008-CP-22-1446**

Dear Mr. Shearouse,

Pursuant to In Re Stays, 471 S.E.2d 140 (S.C. 1996), I am writing to the Court to provide a status of the above-referenced case to ensure the pending stay of execution is continued for our client, Stephen C. Stanko, #6022.

Please be advised that as of today's date this office has met with Judge Baxley to discuss the outstanding issues that need to be addressed so that the case may begin to move forward. We have come to an agreement with OID concerning the case's funding and are meeting with our client on May 23, 2012 to expeditiously move this case forward.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Honorable J. Michael Baxley  
J. Anthony Mabry, Esquire  
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