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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: Shakeia Butler v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2020-000365

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

On September 9, 2020, I requested that the subject appeal be held in abeyance pending receipt of a transcript regarding funding for a battered spouse expert. The court reporter recently informed our office that the transcript from the hearing held on May 29, 2014 is unavailable.

In addition to the unavailable transcript, there may not be an Order of Dismissal signed by the Honorable Kristi Harrington following the PCR evidentiary hearing held on October 27, 2014. Although a Form 4 order exists, I have been unable to locate an Order which complies with S.C. Code Ann. 17-27-80.

Yesterday, October 12, 2020, I spoke with Counsel for Respondent as well as prior PCR counsel Joshua Koger in an attempt to obtain the Order of Dismissal. The results of their searches will likely dictate the trajectory of this case. I will provide another update letter within ten days of today's date.

Should the Court have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/Taylor D. Gilliam
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