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

Re: *The State v. Deshanndon M. Franks*
Appeal from Laurens County
Appellate Case No. 2020-001666

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari was due to be filed on Thursday, February 18, 2021. Unfortunately, that deadline was missed as the result of inadvertence and oversight. Consequently, I am asking the Court to accept the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari out-of-time.

As you are aware, in light of the Governor's continuing directive based upon the coronavirus, both the State and the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense continue to consent to any requests to motions for extension or out of time filing up to 30 days for briefs, returns and petitions, appendixes and records on appeal in matters with Appellate Defense or Appellate Defense funding. This consent applies to requests up to and including February 28, 2021. I have this date spoken to Robert Dudek, counsel for the Petitioner, who confirmed that this mutual consent applies to my request to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the present case.

Sincerely,

William Edgar Salter, III
Assistant Attorney General

WES:brb
Enclosures
cc: Robert M. Dudek, Esquire