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Re: In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of John O'Neill Johnson -  
Appellate Case No. 2021-000249

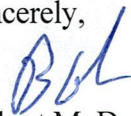
Dear Mr. Falk:

We have received notification from the South Carolina Court of Appeals that you filed a notice of appeal for Mr. Johnson.

As you are aware, the Division of Appellate Defense does not handle appeals from annual reviews or orders for continued commitment. The Appellate Defense Division, due to limited resources and a very heavy caseload, only handles SVP cases where the defendant is initially found a sexually violent predator and civilly committed following a jury trial. I do not like the fact Mr. Johnson has been civilly committed for almost thirteen years but we nonetheless do not have the staff necessary to handle annual reviews.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

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cc: S. C. Court of Appeals