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PO Box 731  
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Re: The State v. Robert Dale Smart, Appellate Case No. 2013-000487

Dear Ms. Saunders:

We are in receipt of the affidavit of indigency and documents for this case. This office generally only handles direct appeals from General Sessions Court or post-conviction relief appeals from the Court of Common Pleas. A review of the documents we have reveals this is a request for DNA funding to test non-existent evidence. See Summary Judgment Order at pages 7-8. This is not an appeal that this office would handle.

Since the transcript would have to be ordered by Monday, April 8, 2013, this office will request a thirty (30) day extension for you to order the transcript or for you to determine if you want to move to be relieved from the case. Please feel free to contact me but this office simply does not have the resources to handle an appeal such as the present one.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

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cc: S.C. Court of Appeals  
Salley W. Elliott, Esquire

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