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Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
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Re: Jacoby Fields v. State of South Carolina, Appellate Case No. 2020-001229

Dear Ms. Howard:

By way of an Order dated March 9, 2021, this Court granted Petitioner's motion to remand. In accordance with the directives in the Order, I have contacted witnesses, the PCR judge, and opposing counsel. I have also met with my client, who is now back at CoreCivic in Mississippi; I have confirmed that facility has web conferencing capabilities for an upcoming reconstruction hearing via WebEx.

On July 29, 2021, I spoke with opposing counsel regarding logistics for the reconstruction hearing. We discussed a death certificate for one of the witnesses, notes from the original PCR hearing, and witness availability. On Wednesday, September 22, 2021, I spoke with Judge Jefferson's assistant. She inquired as to whether Wednesday, September 29, 2021 would serve as a suitable date for a reconstruction hearing. The undersigned and at least one witness were unavailable to attend a hearing on that date due to the Public Defender Conference, which occurred September 27 – 29, 2021. Judge Jefferson's assistant indicated she would check on additional dates and reach back out.

In accordance with this Court's Order, I will continue to provide updates every fifteen days. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ Taylor D. Gilliam
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