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Ms. Shelly:

Yesterday was my last day to submit the Certiorari Petition and Appendix in this PCR Appeal. I stayed at my office late to get this done and while I was copying some additional documents for the Appendix, I notice an odd error message on my post meter. Wouldn't you know it? In all the years I have had a postage meter I had never seen anything like that "network error" message and I could not figure it out. It was too late to take this to the post office and I was still not having any luck converting the Appendix to PDF format. I hurriedly got the Cert Petition copied and I found what I believed to be enough stamps to mail the original and two copies to the Court. I ran those to the drop mail box in the parking lot at Trenholm. Then I went back to the office and dug around until I finally found enough stamps to mail one copy of the Appendix and Cert Petition to opposing counsel Sammy Weidauer from the AG's Office. In the process of getting her copies ready to go out I realized I had not put the page numbers on the index to the Cert Petition. I added the correct page references and in the process I spotted a few obvious typographical errors. They were very simple things. As I recall, there was one place where spell check had not caught where I typed de nova instead of de novo. In another place there was a word typed twice in a sentence and in another place I had typed HAVE where it should have been HAS. I changed those few typos and made a replacement original and six copies of the corrected Cert Petition. I had not been able to mail the Court's copies of the Appendix. I simply did not have enough stamps. I stayed at my office until very early this morning and mailed the AG's copies on my way home. When I left I still had not found enough stamps to mail the Court's bound and unbound copies of the Appendix and the corrected copies of the cert petition.

As my seemingly crazy life would have it, there was a stabbing at Kershaw Correctional last night and one of my clients was in a hostage situation. I just went ahead and stayed until it was getting daylight to leave so I could manage calls with SCDC and my client's mother and grandmother. The good news is they were able to get the wounded Correctional Officer out and finally got the inmate with the knife to surrender without anyone else getting hurt.

I have copied Ms. Weidauer on this email. The copy of the Cert Petition I sent her was the corrected version. I mailed her copy of the Appendix as well. My Assistant has already been to the Court and left the corrected original of the Cert Petition and six copies. He also delivered one bound and one unbound copy of the Appendix.

I apologize for these problems. It was quite a night. Please give me a call if there is anything else I need to do. I am sorry email is so long. I am too exhausted to be concise. Thank you for your kind assistance.

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