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December 15, 2021

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: *Rickey Lee Blackwell v. State of South Carolina*  
Case Number 2018-CP-42-00928  
60 Day Status Report

Dear Ms. Howard:

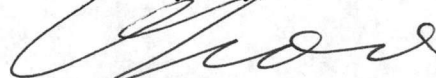
This letter is the sixty-day status report pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996).

Mr. Blackwell's pre-hearing investigation is ongoing. Although the COVID-19 pandemic limited his in-field investigation, Mr. Blackwell resumed some in-field investigation activities. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation from the perspective of safety to our team, experts, and the witnesses. We are working closely with our experts to complete the necessary investigation and evaluations as quickly and safely as possible. Judge Hall convened status conferences on November 12, 2021 and December 10, 2021. On December 7, 2021, Mr. Blackwell moved to continue the evidentiary hearing and requested the PCR court enter a new scheduling order. Judge Hall scheduled a hearing on this motion for January 10, 2022.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly



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cc: The Honorable Daniel D. Hall  
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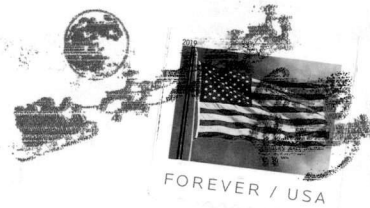
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