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January 19, 2022

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State v. Ricky Bernard Brown – Appellate Case No. 2020-001600

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Yesterday, the undersigned counsel served and filed the State's Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced criminal appeal. However, in doing so, I inadvertently sent those documents to the wrong attorney at the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, Division of Appellate Defense. Upon discovering that error this morning, I promptly re-served the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellate Defender Adam Ruffin, who is counsel for the appellant. I apologize for any inconvenience my mistake has caused, and I am including an amended proof of service identifying today's date as the date Mr. Ruffin was actually served with the State's filings. Once again, I apologize for my error, and please let me know if you have any questions or need any further action on behalf of the State to remedy the mistake.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Farthing  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
S.C. Bar Number 76901

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cc: Adam Sinclair Ruffin, Esquire  
Victim Advocacy Division

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Appeal from Newberry County  
Honorable Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge  
Appellate Case No. 2020-001600

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THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

RICKY BERNARD BROWN,

Appellant.

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I, Mark R. Farthing, certify I have served the within Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellant by sending an electronic copy via email to the address listed in AIS for the following individual:

Adam Sinclair Ruffin, Esquire  
S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense  
Division of Appellate Defense  
Post Office Box 11589  
Columbia, SC 29211

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.  
This 19th day of January, 2022.



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Mr. Ruffin,

Attached are electronic copies of the State's Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the State v. Ricky Bernard Brown appeal, which were filed with the Court of Appeals yesterday. Before filing them, I inadvertently and incorrectly served them on Victor Seeger from your office instead of you. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience that error has caused, and I will be notifying the Court of Appeals of it shortly and will also be including a corrected proof of service indicating you were not properly served until today. If you would also like a paper copy of anything, have any questions, or need anything else, please just let me know.

Sincerely,  
Mark

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Mr. Seeger,

Attached are electronic copies of the State's Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the State v. Ricky Bernard Brown appeal. I will be electronically filing them with the Court of Appeals shortly. If you would also like a paper copy, have any questions, or need anything else, please just let me know.

Sincerely,  
Mark

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Good Morning Mr. Ruffin,

Attached please find a letter regarding the corrected proof of service for the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in The State v. Ricky Bernard Brown (2020-001600). This letter and its attachments will be submitted to the South Carolina Court of Appeals today via the AIS One Drive System.

If you will, please reply to this email to confirm receipt.

Thank you!

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