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March 18, 2022  
(via e-filing and hand delivery)

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

Re: *State v. Owens*, Appellate Case No. 2006-038802;  
*State v. Sigmon*, Appellate Case No. 2002-024388;  
*Sigmon v. State*, Appellate Case No. 2021-000584.

Dear Ms. Howard:

The referenced appellate matters relate to capital cases in which execution notices had previously been issued but later stayed by this Court. In stay orders issued on June 16, 2021, this Court directed the State to notify the Court when:

... the Department of Corrections, in addition to maintaining the availability of electrocution, has developed and implemented appropriate protocols and policies to carry out executions by firing squad.

Today, the Department of Corrections has advised me that they have met these conditions. (See Letter of Bryan P. Stirling, dated March 18, 2022, copy attached). Consequently, I am providing a copy of Mr. Stirling's letter to this Court to comply with the direction in the Court's June 16, 2021 orders.

Sincerely,

Alan Wilson  
Attorney General

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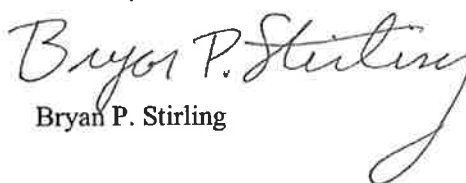
RE: *State v. Owens*, App. Case No. 2006-038802  
*State v. Sigmon*, App. Case No. 2002-024388  
*Sigmon v. State*, App. Case No. 2021-000584

Dear Attorney General Wilson:

This letter is in reference to the above cases and the Department of Corrections' ability to carry out its statutory duty pursuant to S.C. Code Section 24-3-530. On June 16, 2021, the Court issued two Orders in the above-referenced matters, which vacated previous execution notices and "direct[ed] the Clerk of the Supreme Court not to issue another execution notice until the State notifies the Court that the Department of Corrections, in addition to maintaining the availability of electrocution, has developed and implemented appropriate protocols and policies to carry out executions by firing squad." *State v. Sigmon*, App. Case No. 2002-024388 & *Sigmon v. State*, App. Case No. 2021-000584 (S.C. Sup. Ct. June 16, 2021); *State v. Owens*, App. Case No. 2006-038802 (S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated June 16, 2021). In compliance with these Orders, the Department of Corrections has maintained the availability of electrocution and has developed and implemented the appropriate protocols and policies to carry out executions by firing squad. The Department of Corrections therefore is prepared to carry out any future order of execution by firing squad or electrocution. In accordance with section 24-3-530(B), upon receipt of a notice of execution from this Court, the Director of the Department of Corrections will determine and certify by affidavit whether the statutorily approved methods of execution are available. In compliance with the above Orders that direct the State to notify the Clerk of the Department's ability to carry out executions, I am so advising in order that you may notify the Clerk.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803.896.2967. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Bryan P. Stirling

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cc: The Honorable Henry McMaster