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The Honorable Jay Hodge, Solicitor
Fourth Judicial Circuit
Darlington County Courthouse
1 Public Square, Room 410
Darlington, South Carolina 29532

Attention: Barbara Weatherford

RE: Extradition of **James Tasheem Lawrence**

Dear Solicitor Hodge:

I am returning your extradition request for James Tasheem Lawrence for correction and clarification before sending to Virginia. I am proceeding with the necessary paperwork in this office so the Governor's package can be mailed out the same day we receive the corrected package in this office.

Form 37, Request for Extradition Requisition has paragraph I and paragraph J completed. Unless the subject was free on bond or was under probation or parole supervision and breached the conditions, only paragraph J should be completed. It will not be necessary to retype the application and it will be sufficient to white out the information in paragraph I, if it is not applicable.

Since this will be going to Virginia, the Clerk of Court should attach his raised seal to his signatures on the exemplification forms. Also, a raised seal on all certified true copies should eliminate any challenge in Virginia.

Warrant G-729982 has a discrepancy in the dates of the commission of the offense. The affidavit refers to "07/10/02" in the first part. In the probable cause portion of the affidavit, the date of the offense is "on or about 09/02/2002". In the arrest warrant portion, the date of 07/10/02 as the date

of the offense is again used. Warrant G-729980 has all dates for commission of the offense as 09/02/2002.

I am enclosing three of the requisition packages for James Tasheem Lawrence originally received from your office. I would appreciate your making the changes and additions noted to all three packages and return to this office as soon as possible. I can assure you that the Governor's package to Virginia will be sent out within twenty four hours of being received in this office. This is one individual that needs to be brought back to answer these charges. Once the package leaves this office it is out of our hands and I do not want Virginia to delay his return on a technicality. I know you can appreciate the fact that sometimes these fugitives arrange for an attorney to represent them in an extradition hearing and generally the only straw the attorney has to grasp is form, not substance. Thank you for cooperating with us in this matter and do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or need to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Merritt
Extradition Coordinator