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Betsy AuBuchon, Clerk
Supreme Court of Missouri
P.O. Box 150
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Via email to: kathy.fletchall@courts.mo.gov

Re: *State v. Leonard Taylor* SC89294

Dear Ms. AuBuchon:

In our August 23, 2022 letter, we informed the Court our office had been in contact with counsel for Mr. Taylor about his claim of innocence, but that we had no basis at that time to support or oppose the Court setting an execution date. Since then, our office has investigated the new witness referenced in that letter, among other claims.

On January 25, 2023, we received an affidavit from Dr. Jane Turner, M.D., containing a preliminary opinion about the victims' times of death. When we received this affidavit, our office had completed our independent review of evidence of the victims' times of death, along with Mr. Taylor's related claim of alibi.

Our understanding is that Mr. Taylor will be asking this Court to delay his execution to allow additional time for Dr. Turner to review the autopsy report, photographs, and related investigative materials.

Due to Mr. Taylor being under sentence of death, this office supports Mr. Taylor's request to allow Dr. Turner time to do that additional review, and would consider her final conclusions as part of our investigation on the issue of alibi, if a final report is presented to us in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Hathaway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Hathaway
Chief, Conviction and Incident Review Unit