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Re: State v. Tamika Suttles  
Ramsey County D.C. File 62Cr-10-1464  
App. Ct. File No. A11-356

Dear Ms. Clark:

This letter will confirm that Ms. Suttles has provided us with verification that he is personally indigent. Accordingly, pursuant to State v. Pederson, 600 N.W.2d 451 (Minn. 1999), this office will be responsible for payment of the court reporter's bill for preparation of the necessary transcripts for the appeal you are going to be filing on her conviction in the above matter. However, we will not pay at a rate higher than the normal per page rate that is allowed for transcripts ordered by this office.

You should append a copy of this letter to your order(s) for transcript so that the involved court reporter is aware of the situation. The defense copy of the transcript should be sent directly to this office along with the reporter's invoice so the bill can be verified before being processed for payment. We will notify you when we have received the transcript so that arrangements can be made to have it delivered to you. We would also appreciate it if you would notify us as to the anticipated delivery date and estimated cost of the ordered transcripts when the court reporter has provided you that information.

If you want to avoid paying the \$550 filing fee on the notice of appeal you have already filed on this matter, you can send a copy of this letter to the Clerk of Appellate Courts so that knows that this office has made a finding that Ms. Suttles is personally indigent and eligible to appeal on an in forma pauperis basis.

Sincerely

Mark F. Anderson  
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