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Re: State v. Heath Stocks

Dear Mr. Stuart,

I want to thank you for calling yesterday and informing me of the wishes of the family in regard to this case. As it stands now, the only reason I would want to contact any member of the family is if the prosecutor sought the death penalty and the family had a change of heart about what they feel the outcome of this case should be. However, because the prosecutor has left the option open to seek death and I have no indication of when he will make a decision, I need to begin the early stages of preparing and investigating mitigation. Unfortunately, this is an extensive task that requires me to contact all family members and acquire as much information about Heath's childhood and development as I can. But I will certainly respect the family's wishes and contact you before any meetings. Thank you again for calling and offering your law office for any family conferences we may need to have. You may call me toll free at 1-800-330-0630 if you or the family needs to contact me.

Cordially,

Mac Carder, Jr.