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January 5, 2009

The Honorable Henry L. Marsh, III  
Chairman, Senate Courts of Justice Committee  
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The Honorable David B. Albo  
Chairman, House Courts of Justice Committee  
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Dear Mr. Chairmen:

In accordance with Chapter 1024, clause 2 of the 2004 Acts of Assembly, below please find information for calendar year 2008 on the number of petitions filed for writs of actual innocence pursuant to Chapter 19.3 of Title 19.2 and the dispositions thereof.

- Three petitions were pending on January 1, 2008.
- Fifteen petitions were filed in 2008.
- Sixteen petitions were disposed of in 2008, The dispositions of those cases were as follows:
  - o One writ was granted, and the petitioner's conviction was vacated.
  - o Fifteen petitions were summarily dismissed.
- Two petitions were pending as of December 31, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl R. Hade".

Karl R. Hade

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cc: Division of Legislative Automated Systems  
Cynthia L. McCoy, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Virginia