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January 6, 2020

The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain
Chairman, Courts of Justice Committee
Senate of Virginia
P.O. Box 555
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The Honorable Robert B. Bell
Chairman, Courts of Justice Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
2309 Finch Court
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Dear Chairmen:

In accordance with Chapter 1024, enactment clause 2, of the 2004 Acts of Assembly, please find below information on the number of petitions for writs of actual innocence filed pursuant to Chapter 19.3 of Title 19.2, and the dispositions thereof, for calendar year 2019.

- Three petitions were pending on January 1, 2019.
- Twenty-six petitions were filed in 2019. In addition, the Supreme Court of Virginia remanded one actual innocence petition to the Court of Appeals for further proceedings.
- Seventeen petitions were disposed of in 2019. The dispositions of those cases were as follows:
 - Seventeen petitions were summarily dismissed.
- Thirteen petitions are pending as of December 31, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KRH".

Karl R. Hade

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cc: Division of Legislative Automated Systems
Cynthia L. McCoy, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Virginia
The Honorable John Edwards, Chair-select, Senate Courts of Justice Committee
The Honorable Charniele Herring, Chair-select, House Courts of Justice
Committee