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January 10, 2025

The Honorable Scott A. Surovell
Chair, Courts of Justice Committee
Senate of Virginia
P. O. Box 396
Richmond, VA 23218

The Honorable Patrick A. Hope
Chair, Courts of Justice Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
P.O. Box 406
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Dear Chairs Surovell and Hope:

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 2024.

- Twenty petitions were pending on January 1, 2024.
- Twenty-four petitions were filed in 2024.
- Twenty-four petitions were disposed of in 2024. The dispositions of those cases were as follows:
 - Two writs were issued, and the convictions vacated.
 - Twenty-one petitions were summarily dismissed.
 - One petition was dismissed following consideration of the Attorney General's response to the petition and petitioner's reply thereto, if any, and the circuit court's findings of fact.
- Twenty petitions were pending as of December 31, 2024.

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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, appearing to read 'K R Hade', written in a cursive style.

Karl R. Hade

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cc: Division of Legislative Automated Systems
A. John Vollino, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Virginia