IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI NO. 2008-KA-01139-SCT

GABRIEL McDOWELL a/k/a Gary McDowell

APPELLANT

V.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

APPELLEE

APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF

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REPLY

The state cites *Willis v. State*, 821 So. 2d 888 (Miss. Ct. App. 2002). *Willis* does not apply because McDowell's re-sentence was not to correct a mistake of law, as was the case in *Willis*. This point was adequately addressed appellant's initial brief. Otherwise, the state does not distinguish McDowell's case from the controlling authorities previously cited by counsel under issues 1 and 2. The case should be remanded back to the trial court for reinstatement of the original 30 year sentence.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE

I, George T. Holmes, do hereby certify that I have this the _____ day of April,

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