STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS)

State of South Carolina)

-vs-

JC Crocker III,

Defendant.)

Indictment Nos.: 2021-GS-46-06625; 2021-GS-46-06627 and 2021-GS-46-06628

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RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), the issue to be raised on appeal is whether the trial court abused its discretion when it imposed the sentence upon the Honorable William A. McKinnon on July 1, 2022, the Appellant pled guilty Under Alford to Trafficking Methamphetamine 10 g or more 2nd Offense (Indictment No. 2021-GS-46-06625) to five (5) years; and time served to the Possession of Heroin 2nd Offense (2021-GS-46-06627) and Habitual Traffic Offender (Indictment No. 2021-GS-46-06628). The Appellant received 245 days credit for time served and run concurrent to each other.

The undersigned does not have a good faith basis to believe that this issue is properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did not object to the sentence or file a motion to reconsider the sentence. Nevertheless, the undersigned consulted with the Appellant about his right to appeal, and after consultation, the undersigned has filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. *See Frazer v. South Carolina,* 430 F.3d 696, 705 (4th Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate on behalf of his client.'") (quoting *Anders v. California,* 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Respectfully submitted,

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