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Re: The State v. Matthew Demond Gallishaw  
Appellate Case No. 2013-000641

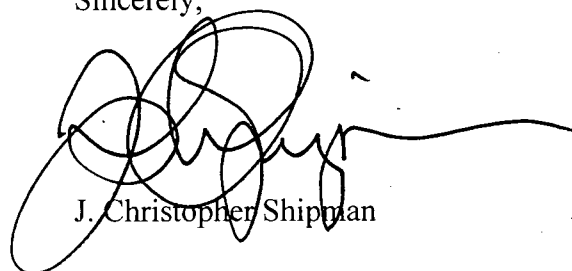
SC Court of Appeals

Dear Ms. Allen:

I am now at the Richland County Public Defender's Office, and no longer at the Sumter County Public Defender's Office. I do not have the file in front of me, but I do remember this case because of the nearly four-year delay in having the motion heard. Mr. Gallishaw pleaded guilty in 2009 under *Alford*. Mr. Gallishaw's attorney at the time was Arthur Wilder, Esq. Mr. Wilder filed a timely motion to reconsider the acceptance of the *Alford* plea ten days later. The motion, however, was never scheduled or heard until 2013. I represented Mr. Gallishaw at the motion hearing in 2013 in front of Hon. George C. James, Jr., where I raised the issues as to Mr. Gallishaw's understanding of the nature of an *Alford* plea. The motion was denied, and this appeal followed.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



J. Christopher Shipman