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Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk
SC Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: State v. Harold Watts

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

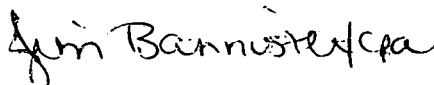
Pursuant to your request, I am sending this letter regarding the above referenced appeal from a guilty plea. Pursuant to Rule 203, there do not appear to be any issues that were preserved as part of the guilty plea in this case. By copy of this letter, I am making the Office of Appellate Defense aware of that issue and Mr. Watts aware of the same.

This guilty plea was entered just before selection of a Jury. Defense was prepared to go forward with the trial in this case. The State agreed to withdraw the Notice of Life Without Parole in exchange for the guilty plea and the Defendant specifically requested that I ask the Trial Judge if he could be permitted to plead guilty.

Let me know if you need anything further at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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James W. Bannister

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cc: SC Office of Appellate Defense
Defendant

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