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June 25, 2013

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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SC Court of Appeals

Re: The State v. Ronnie Cleveland Swofford, Jr. – Appellate Case # 2012-212122

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above case is due to be served and filed on July 5, 2013. However, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit, Mr. Swofford has elected to drop his appeal. I have discussed the consequences of dropping the appeal with Mr. Swofford both verbally and in writing. Because Mr. Swofford's decision to drop his direct appeal is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary after thoroughly discussing the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a direct appeal, I respectfully request that the Court issue an order dismissing Mr. Swofford's appeal.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Salley W. Elliott of the Office of the Attorney General of Mr. Swofford's decision.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

LaNelle Cantey DuRant
Appellate Defender

LCD/mpm

cc: Salley W. Elliott, Esquire
Ronnie C. Swofford

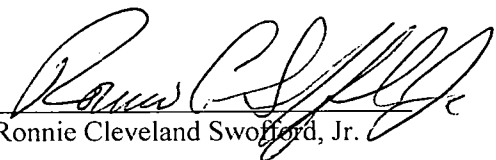
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)
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THE STATE,)
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Respondent,)
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v.)
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RONNIE CLEVELAND SWOFFORD, JR.,)
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Appellant.)
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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

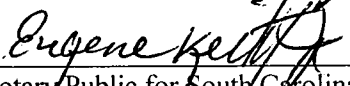
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PERSONALLY appeared before me, Ronnie Cleveland Swofford, Jr., who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the appellant in the above captioned case.
2. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of my conviction, and that, because I am indigent, I am entitled to the assistance of an attorney from the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense. I have been informed that if I drop my direct appeal that I forever waive those issues that could be raised.
3. In light of the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense drop the appeal formerly filed on my behalf.
4. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
5. I do not wish to appeal.


Ronnie Cleveland Swofford, Jr.

SWORN TO before me this 29
day of May 2017.

 (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
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