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To whom it may Concern:

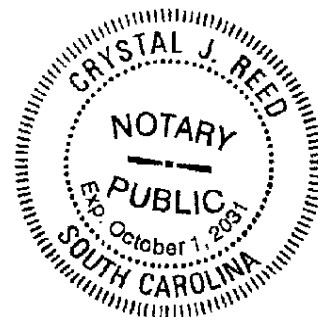
I Terrecenia Bristol writing you a letter because I need your attention to a very important matter concerning an Appeal. In this letter I am referring to Mr. Zamal Ishmeallah Rivera whom is a very good person and a good father. Mr. Rivera is a father of two children and one is a new born. I have witness this young Man working toward good goals and have completed a few of the goals which is a Certify in Auto Mechanic and Certify in Nursing Assistance, he even began his journey of being a home owner as well.

Mr. Rivera is a great help in his community in guiding the young people. The young people who get to know him really look up to him. I am requesting an Appeal for Mr. Rivera because I feel he was not represented properly by his Public Defender Jason Turnblad. Mr. Rivera hearing was held in the same county of the accident, a county which was bias due to the decease gentleman whom holds a strong reputation in that county. (Orangeburg county)

The decease was friends with lawyers, senator and Judge as a citizen I feel this case should have been moved to another county. Some evident was not presented in court which was hidden. The whole truth concerning both parties was not presented truthfully or with fairness concerning this matter. I thank you in advance for giving your attention in this matter.

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Evangelist Terrecenia Bristol



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Dear Ma'am and or Sir,

I Schanelle Ellen Bristol come to you in this letter of truth on behalf of Zamal Ishmeallah Rivera. To the court of appeals to ask for mercy at your hands in this matter/appeal. On this case, to reopen it and do what is right and what's fair by Mr. Zamal Ishmeallah Rivera. Which by the way is the father of my son Ezekiel and my fiancée. Zamal Rivera is the most understanding, sweet, caring, and very genuine person/man that I have ever met. You know how they say and I quote: "Step-Fathers Make the Best Fathers". Well to know him you would know this. He will give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Every tear that has ever felt from my eyes he has wiped away with his love, his strength, his compassion and his wisdom. And I say all of the is to say this, He is a very wholehearted descent person/man who was done and treated very unfairly in this case. All the evidence was not presented. They used what they could to break him down unfairly to take a pled that they did not stand by. His public defender Jason Turnblad was no help to him at all. And it showed in his actions from start to finish. He barely communicated with him the whole nine months that Zamal was at Orangeburg County jail. Then towards the end he started acting like a real public defender only to save himself because of his very poor communication skills throughout this process. But the most hurtful part of it all to me is, when Zamal asked for an appeal request. Jason Turnblad moved on his own time knowing everything is time sensitive. The letter given to Zamal Rivera from the court of appeals stated that he had from the date of that letter which was May 9th 2023 to have his appeal letter and all evidence needed turned in. Please court of appeals explain to me why Jason Turnblad did not give Zamal that letter until May 16th 2023. Cutting a week off from him getting everything in that he needed. As well as talking down to him in the process. Stating things like and I quote: They asked me (court of appeals) how I felt and my thoughts of giving you an appeal and I told them no and that there was no bias in the case. He stated as a part of the appeals request that yawl are required to ask the thoughts/opinion of the lawyer in the matter of requesting an appeal. I understand all of this but why throw it in his face. The law doesn't get tired of kicking people while they are already down. And to top it all

off the judge, the solicitor, and the prosecution all knew the deceased personally and acted more with their emotions and feelings for the deceased rather than with the proper professionalism that was needed. A very big conflict of interest from start to finish. Because of the deceased's reputation in that community, that being his home as well. A very bias and unfair situation this case was and is. And Zamal Ishmeallah Rivera does not and didn't deserve this. Please court of appeals help us get this case done fairly and in all fairness. Help Zamal Ishmeallah Rivera get treated fairly within his rights of the law. Not by affiliation and personal knowledge of a person. But with the actual, factual evidence and the fairness of the law. I stand firmly on my words. Please approve this appeal on Zamal's behalf the right way. Zamal Rivera has a family and a community of young and older people that look up to him and think highly of him as well. He is just trying to keep his life on track as he been doing. He hasn't been in any trouble since this unfortunate accident. He deserves a fresh start, we already lost one precious life and the family has my heart and my deepest sympathy. But there is no need to end another one. Especially when they have taken a turn for the better and is on the right path. Please Ma'am and or Sir of the appeals court I beg you to revisit his case and overturn his conviction with fairness at your own discretion. It's in your hands and we are at your mercy. Thank you

Sign:



Schanelle Ellen Bristol

