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May 30, 2023

Mr. Alex Stone
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Columbia SC, 29210

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**RE: S.C. Appellate Case No. 2023-000823 / The State of South Carolina -v- Alex Stone:
Service of Documents and Offer of Settlement**

Dear Alex,

I hope this letter finds you well. At your request following your sentencing, I have filed your appeal of your sentencing and/or plea with the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Please see that enclosed. Additionally, I have transferred your case to the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense Appellate Division. If the appeal is accepted, or if you wish to continue the appeal, they will represent you from here.

You will also find enclosed my explanation to the Court about your appeal, specifically what is known as an Anders Brief, informing the Court that I do not believe or see grounds for appeal in your case. As such, **you have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal in your case. Those grounds must be in writing, and mailed within twenty days of the date of this letter to: South Carolina Court of Appeals P.O. Box 11629 Columbia, SC 29211.**

I am,

Very Respectfully Yours,


Jonathan E.B. Lewis



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May 31, 2023

The Hon. Robert Dudek
South Carolina Appellate Defender
South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense
Appellate Defense Division
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND USPS POSTAL MAIL

RE: The State v. Alex Stone, Appellate Case No. 2023-000823

Dear Mr. Dudek,

I was appointed to one Alex Stone, an indigent defendant in the County of Richland, who pled guilty to DUI with Great Bodily Injury before the Hon. DeAndrea Benjamin, and who was sentenced by the Hon. Michael Nettles on or about May 9, 2023.

Please see the enclosed Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Grounds for Appeal, Proof of Service, and Request for Arguable Basis Letter from the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Mr. Stone does wish to appeal his plea and/or sentencing. At his request and understanding, I am hereby transferring his case to your office.

My staff and I are at your disposal and can provide access to Mr. Stone's file at your staff's request.

I am,

Very Respectfully Yours,


Jonathan E.B. Lewis
Trial Defense Counsel for Alex Stone

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

ON APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
In the Court of General Sessions

The Hon. Michael G. Nettles, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2023-000823

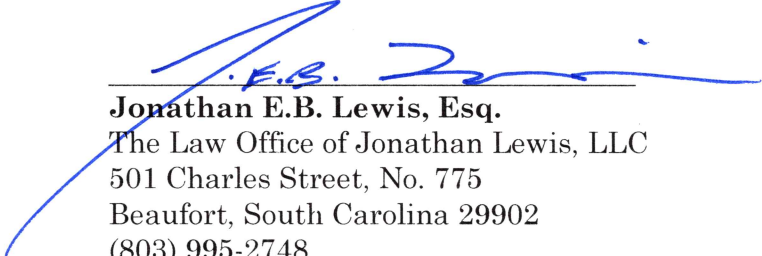
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Respondent

-v-

ALEX ANDREW STONE
Appellant

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF CASE TO SCCID APPELLATE DEFENSE

I certify that I have served Appellant's Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Grounds for Appeal, Proof of Service, and all correspondence from the Court to date upon the Hon. Robert M. Dudek Appellate Defender for the State of South Carolina, South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, by electronic mail to his AIS registered email address, and by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on May 31, 2023 to his mailing address of SCCID, Appellate Division, c/o Robert Dudek, PO Box 11589, Columbia, S.C. 29201.



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ON APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
In the Court of General Sessions

The Hon. Michael G. Nettles, Circuit Court Judge

Indict. No. 2022-GS-40-00092

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

-v-

ALEX ANDREW STONE
Defendant Appellant

NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOW COMES the Appellant, Alex Andrew Stone, who does so appeal the Guilty Plea taken before the Hon. DeAndrea Benjamin, formerly a Circuit Judge of the Fifth Jud. Cir. of South Carolina, and the Sentencing of the Hon. Michael G. Nettles, sentenced on or about May 9, 2023.



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Trial Counsel for the Def. Appellant

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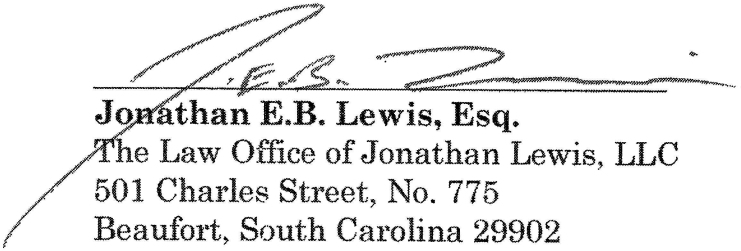
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

-v-

ALEX ANDREW STONE
Defendant Appellant

EXPLANATION OF GROUNDS FOR APPEAL
PURSUANT TO R. 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), SCACR

NOW COMES Counsel for the Defendant Appellant Alex Andrew Stone, Jonathan E.B. Lewis, Esq., of the Law Office of Jonathan Lewis, LLC, who does so state the grounds to appeal the Guilty Plea taken before the Hon. DeAndrea Benjamin, formerly a Circuit Judge of the Fifth Jud. Cir. of South Carolina, and the Sentencing of the Hon. Michael G. Nettles, sentenced on or about May 9, 2023 is upon the direction of his client, the Defendant Appellant, and does so cite to the matter of Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967) in reference as to the grounds for appeal in the instant case.



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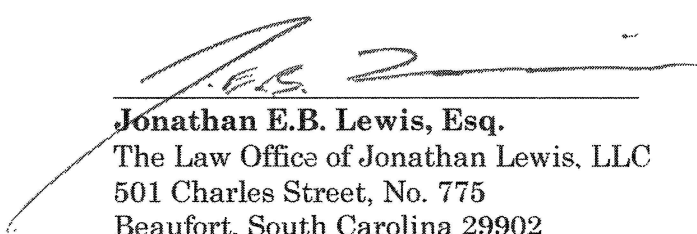
ALEX ANDREW STONE
Defendant Appellant

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal and Explanation for Grounds of Appeal on the Hon. Michael G. Nettles, and Asst. Solicitor Keith Taylor, Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, by electronic mail to their South Carolina Supreme Court Attorney Information System (AIS) registered electronic mail address, on May 19, 2023.

This May 19, 2023
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THE STATE -v- ALEX STONE / NOTICE OF APPEAL

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To: "Nettles, Michael G. Secretary (Sherrie E. Byrd)" <MNettlesSC@sccourts.org>

Cc: KEITH TAYLOR <TAYLOR.KEITH@richlandcountysc.gov>

Judge Nettles, Asst. Solicitor Taylor:

My apologies, but my filings to you were incomplete. Please see the attached Notice of Appeal, Explanation of Grounds for Appeal pursuant to R. 203, SCACR, and Cert. of Service.

I wish you both a great weekend.

Very Respectfully,

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Please see the attached filings.

Thank you!

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Very Respectfully,

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May 23, 2023

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Re: The State v. Alex A. Stone
Appellate Case No. 2023-000823

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your explanation for appealing.

Please forward your explanation to your client, along with a statement that your client has twenty (20) days from the date of your transmittal letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please provide your client with the Court's address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Please send your letter to your client within ten (10) days, with a copy to this Court, or this appeal will be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Hannigan, deputy

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cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire
Ronald Keith Taylor, Jr., Esquire
Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire



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Appellate Case No. 2023-000823

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your notice of appeal, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02. Please note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will *not* review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

This is to advise that the title in the above matter has been changed to read as follows:

The State, Respondent,

v.

Alex Andrew Stone, Appellant.

All future records in this matter should be changed to reflect this title. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Hannibal, deputy
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