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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of Court, SC Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Hampleton v. State  
Appellate Case No.: 2023-001159

Dear Ms. Howard:

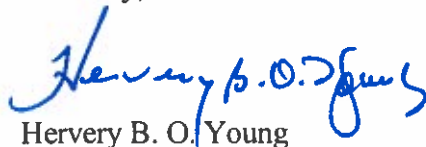
Pursuant to Rule 243(c), SCACR, and as an officer of the Court, I am unable to set forth any arguable basis for asserting that the determination by the PCR judge was improper. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Hampleton.

The PCR judge granted Mr. Hampleton a belated direct appeal from his guilty plea. Pursuant to Rule 203, SCACR, I am unable to show that there were any issues which can be reviewed on appeal. There were no issues raised during the plea or at the PCR hearing.

By copy of this letter, I am advising Mr. Hampleton that he has twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to file a Pro Se explanation as to why he believes that the determination of the PCR judge was improper. Any explanation must be in writing and mailed to the above address for the Clerk of Court no later than August 23, 2023.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Hervery B. O. Young

cc: Nathaniel Hampleton, # 364904  
Danielle Dixon, Assistant Attorney General