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RE: The State, Respondent v. Christopher Dean Wright, Appellant
Appellate Case No. 2023-001230

Dear Clerk,

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence sent to my client regarding the above referenced matter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jamie L. Menarde/lr

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Mr. Christopher Dean Wright, SCDC #268862
Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center
4344 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29210

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RE: The State, Respondent v. Christopher Dean Wright, Appellant
Appellate Case No. 2023-001230

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence received from the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Please be advised that you have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals, in writing, of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. The Court's address is as follows:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

I have enclosed another copy of the Notice of Appeal for your reference.

Very truly yours,

Jamie L. Menarde

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Heath Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2021GS18-0066, 2021GS18-0067

The State,Respondent.

v.

Christopher Wright,Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Christopher Dean Wright, appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Judge Heath Taylor, on July 26, 2023. This appeal is filed at the request of Defendant Christopher Wright.

July 28, 2023

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS)
THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
Plaintiff,)

Warrant/Indictment Nos.:)
2020a1810300674; 2020a1810300675;)

v.)

RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION

CHRISTOPHER DEAN WRIGHT,)
Defendant.)

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Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), the issues to be raised on Appeal may include whether the Trial Court abused its discretion when it imposed a sentence of 13 years upon the Appellant after he plead guilty.

The undersigned does not have a good faith basis to believe that such an abuse occurred and the undersigned did not object to the sentence or file a Motion to Reconsider the sentence. Nevertheless, the undersigned consulted with the Appellant about his right to appeal, and after consultation, the undersigned has filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. See *Frazer v. South Carolina*, 430F.3d 696, 706 (4th Cir. 2005) ("A Defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate in behalf of his client, '") (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Respectfully submitted,

By: Jamie L. Menarde /r

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Summerville, South Carolina
This 28th day of July, 2023



The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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Re: The State v. Christopher D. Wright
Appellate Case No. 2023-001230

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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:

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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 Harrison, deputy
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