

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 vs. )  
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 Alicia Brooke Stephens )  
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 Defendant. )  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS


Indictment 2020-GS-47-07, COUNT 18, COUNT  
19, COUNT 22, COUNT 23, COUNT 24, COUNT 25

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**RULE 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) EXPLANATION**

Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), the undersigned asserts that he does not have a good faith basis to believe that any issues are properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did not object to the sentence. The undersigned attorney consulted with the client and after consultation the client requested that an appeal be filed.

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*, 430 F.3d 696, 706 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate on behalf of his client.'" (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967))).

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