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VIA FACSIMILE AND US MAIL

The South Carolina Court of Appeals
Attention: Jenny A. Kitchings
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: **State v. Ballam J. Alexander**
Appellate Case Number: 2023-000275

Dear Mrs. Kitchings:

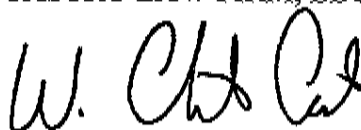
I am the attorney who represented Mr. Alexander in the Circuit Court trial of the matter referenced above. Mr. Alexander recently received an *Anders* Letter from the Office of Indigent Defense and therefore reached out to me concerning a timing issue. Because he is incarcerated and has limited ability to contact your office – he asked that I reach out concerning the time limit listed in your December 12, 2023, letter (copy enclosed).

I left a message on the Court of Appeals answering machine on January 5, 2024, and just recently tried the Court's main telephone line again. I have not heard back from the Court and therefore am sending this letter to address Mr. Alexander's concern. Your letter to Mr. Alexander is dated December 12, 2023, but because he is incarcerated in a prison he did not receive the letter until December 23, 2023. Consequently, he has lost eleven (11) days of the listed forty-five (45) day window within which he has been provided to supply his *pro se* brief to the Court. Mr. Alexander is respectfully requesting an additional fifteen (15) days to submit his *pro se* brief to the Court. Unfortunately, he is of limited resources and his communication abilities are severely restricted because of his circumstance. Mr. Alexander asked that I make this request to the Court.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

With kind regards,

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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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December 12, 2023

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Bishopville SC 29010

Re: The State v. Ballam J. Alexander
Appellate Case No. 2023-000275

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Your counsel has filed a brief indicating that this appeal is without merit and moves to be relieved as your counsel. *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396 (1967). The records in this office reflect counsel has served you with a copy of the brief and record on appeal.

You may, within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter, file with this Court a *pro se* brief addressing any issues you believe the Court should consider in this appeal. Upon receipt of your *pro se* brief or the expiration of forty-five (45) days, this appeal will be submitted to the Court for its consideration.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
Mark Reynolds Farthing, Esquire
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* Extension of time request. Case Number: 2023-000275

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