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In The Court Of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY
Court of General Sessions
Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

CASE NO: 2024-000021

The State, Respondent,

V.

Paul Greenwood, Appellant.

RULE 203(d)(1)(B)(iv)
WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF BASIS OF APPEAL

PERSONALLY appeared before me Scott Graustein, who being duly sworn,
deposes and says :

1. I represented the above named defendant before Benjamin H. Culbertson on December 20, 2023 at which time the defendant enter a guilty plea pursuant to North Carolina v. Alford on his pending charges.

2. At the time of the Alford plea, defense counsel informed the Court that the Defendant was incarcerated pursuant to an Ex Parte bench warrant that counsel had objected to prior to the bench warrant being issued; no hearing regarding the bench warrant was conducted prior to issuance. Counsel informed the Court that a Motion to Lift Bench Warrant had been filed, but it would be several months before that motion would be scheduled and heard.

Counsel informed the Court that he agreed with Defendant entering his plea only because Defendant wished to be released from custody prior to the upcoming holidays.

Counsel informed the Court that he did not believe the State could prove its case at trial.

2. Defendant requested the Appeal be filed on the grounds that his plea was not truly voluntary due to his incarceration pursuant to the Ex Parte bench warrant.

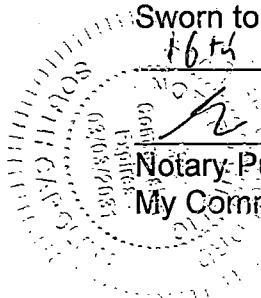
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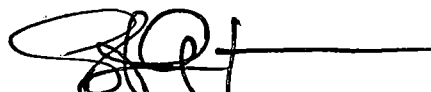
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 SHARIFF CRAWFORD

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission expires: 3/03/2031





Signature of Attorney for Defendant

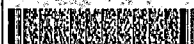
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