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July 23, 2013

South Carolina Commission
On Indigent Defense
Attention: Lorie French
P. O. Box 11589
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAL
Donnie Watson Jr.
2013-GS-02-00010 & 2013-GS-02-00013

Dear Mrs. French:

Please find enclosed copies of Notice of Intent to Appeal, Indictments 2013GS0200010, 2013-GS-02-00013, Arrest Warrants 2012A0220100550, defendant's affidavit of indigency, defendant's sentence sheets and the Rule 203(B) explanation.

Donnie Watson Jr. pled guilty and was convicted of Burglary 2nd Degree and Petit Larceny and was sentenced on July 15, 2013 before the Honorable William P. Keesley. Ms. Cheri Young served as the Court Reporter. Her address is P. O. Box 1154, Aiken, SC 29802.

I am available to discuss this case if you so desire.

Sincerely,



Barry Thompson II
Assistant Public Defender

LJW:bt
Enclosure

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 vs.)
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 Donnie Watson Jr.,)
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 Defendant.)
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Indictment #s: 2013-GS-02-00010
2013-GS-02-00013

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 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*, 430 F.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 on behalf of his client.'") (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Respectfully submitted,



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