

11 March 14, 2024

Dear Court of appeals,

Jim Rashard Graham #393432,
writing to you with concern and reasons to uphold my
request for an appeal. Mr. Pierce L. Wehman has sent
me a letter stating his reason for putting my appeal
in, and it states that: He's done because I requested
and that he doesn't see any exceptions to Rule 203.

I have yet to be provided a chance to review
what Rule 203 is.

My reason for appeal, is because
Mr. Pierce has misted me and my family. I was told
by him that I would be pleading to 10 years under
Alford vs. North Carolina to avoid the maximum of 30
years, due to me having a record. I was told by Mr. Pierce
that by taking this plea, I would preserve my right
to appeal, however he has told the court, he sees no
exceptions to Rule 203. Never once did we discuss
what that means or where it would leave me, should
I take the plea of 10 years.

Instead of receiving 10
years, I received 15 years and the assistant solicitor
based his recommendation off my record, stating (He's done
it before). I don't feel Mr. Pierce represented me to
the best of his ability, it's evident to me now that
my case sat on his desk until the solicitor was
ready. I sat on house arrest for 3 years, showed up
to every court date, 3 of which, Mr. Pierce and Mr.
Michael Spears were no shows, leaving me to receive
another court date. I was left out the loop on the
development of the case. I gave Mr. Pierce important
information on how I came to have the sums of
money on my persons, only to be told 2 years later
that it was too late to confirm my claim. I
believe this further proves the lack of representation

by Mr. Pierce.

The one time I was able to see a Judge to report/request a change of representation, I was denied and was told, either take the plea or go to trial that day (February 26, 2024).

I'm no lawyer, so I may not know basis for this or that, however I've stated in this letter what I was told and what I was led to believe.

Thank you for your time

Richard
Graham

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