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Dear MS. Howard,

I would also like to state for the record regarding Appellate Case No. 2023-000982 that the plea was without negotiations or recommendation. As according to the Solicitor after I was sworn in he stated for the record that I was pleading guilty under North Carolina versus Alford to one count of Voluntary manslaughter. Then the Judge came on record and asked my Attorney do you believe it's in your Client's best interest to go forward with this plea? My Attorney said he does and that the plea offer that's been made accepting it and entering it today is in my best interest. Then he also informed the Judge that we've discussed this at length and that I've gone back and forth about it and he believes I'm comfortable in going forward with the plea today. Then the Judge asked him do you believe I'm going forward freely and voluntarily and my Attorney said without question I know he is. I just gave him an opportunity to back out of the plea if he wanted to and I chose to go forward. Then the Judge said he think based on what he know about the case that's a wise decision. To me it's the same difference only I'm being held and have to send paper work through the Supreme Court to get out. Then the Judge asked me was I taking any prescription medication and I told him no, he asked me was I thinking clearly I said yea, did I have a chance to meet with my Attorney regarding the charges I said yea, did he go over the evidence with me I said yea, did he explain the law that applies in this situation and did he answer all my questions I said yea; did I understand everything he told me I said yea, am I satisfied with his services I said yea, did I need anymore time to talk with him I said no, did I want a jury trial I said yea, did I want one to be more clear and he said yea and I said no, and he asked was anybody forcing me to go forward I said no. Before this the Judge came on record and asked my Attorney that it was his understanding that I was pleading guilty to the Voluntary manslaughter Charge under North Carolina versus Alford and my Attorney said we was. After the Solicitor came on and said that the case was weak and they had no evidence the Judge came on record to me and said that the first plea he

Wanted to take up with me is the Voluntary Manslaughter plea. He asked was it to my understanding that the state allowing me to plead to Voluntary manslaughter. I told him yea and being that I confirmed for him earlier that my Attorney had answered all my questions and that I understood everything he told me I left it at that. Then he said it was his understanding I was pleading to discharge Voluntary manslaughter under North Carolina versus Alford I told him yea. Then he came on and asked me how do I plea to the two escapes which were ran concurrent to the Voluntary manslaughter charge I told him guilty. Then he came back on record and said I find there's a factual basis upon which to base your guilty pleas (I understood) Then he said he further find that on the Voluntary manslaughter that based on the evidence that he been told had I gone to trial there is a substantial likelihood that I would've been convicted (of course I would've been found Not Guilty) And it's very reasonable for me to accept the Voluntary manslaughter plea agreement under North Carolina / Alford under "North Carolina versus Alford." ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ In my statement i'm asking the Judge to let me go straight to the feds. Then the Judge come back on record and said ~~XXXX~~ I will be committed to the State Department of Corrections good luck. I got mis leading information from an inmate when I got assigned to a yard which costed me almost 3 years in dead time.

Truly,
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