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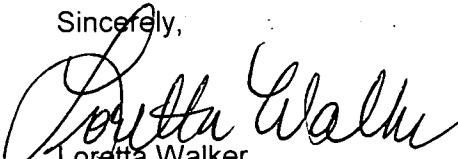
Ref.: The State v. Donnie Watson Jr.
Appellate Case No. 2013-001621

Dear Deputy Clerk Allen:

Enclosed, please find the Rule 203 Explanation memo along with the 20 day letter to the defendant.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,


Loretta Walker
Paralegal

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August 6, 2013

Donnie Watson Jr., #242900
Kirkland Reception & Evaluation Center
4344 Broad River Road
Columbia, South Carolina

re: State v. Donnie Watson Jr.
Appeal Case Number 2013-001621

Dear Mr. Watson:

Under Rule 203(B) (iv) of the South Carolina Rules of Appellate Procedure, an appeal from a guilty plea may be dismissed unless you can identify issues that were preserved for appeal or make a sufficient showing to the Court that there are issues which can be argued on appeal. I do not believe that there were any issues preserved for appeal, however, I did file an appeal since you specifically asked me to do so. The paperwork that I filed is enclosed for your review.


You must now contact the appellate court yourself in writing to advise the Court of any issues you feel you may have on appeal.

You must send a written statement to the South Carolina Court of Appeals within twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the Court of any argument you have that there are issues preserved for appeal. Your statement should include your case number as shown above. The address of the Court is:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
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Wishing you well, I am

Very truly yours,


Barry Thompson II
Attorney

Enclosure:

cc: V. Claire Allen, Deputy Clerk of the SC Court of Appeals

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

vs.

Donnie Watson Jr.,

Defendant.

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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