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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: State v. Lacara Nishae Ballenger  
Case No.: 2024-000651

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed is my letter to Lacara Nishae Ballenger advising her that she has twenty days in which to inform the Court in writing her explanation why she believes that she has an arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal.

If the Court desires any further information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Macdonald".

Daniel Macdonald  
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cc: South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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Lacara Nishae Ballenger #00393851  
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Dear Ms. Ballenger:

A Notice of Intent to Appeal was filed on your behalf on April 18, 2024. I am required by the Appellate Court Rules to advise the court of any issues that were raised during the guilty plea and preserved for appellate review. I have advised the Court that I knew of no such issues.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter I received from the South Carolina Court of Appeals. You have twenty (20) days from the date of my letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing explaining why you believe you have an arguable basis that there are issues preserved for an appeal of your guilty plea. You must send your letter to the following address by May 14, 2024:

The South Carolina Court of Appeals  
P. O. Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Failure to send the Court of Appeals your written explanation by the above deadline may result in the dismissal of your appeal.

I am enclosing another copy of the original Appeal since you were still at the Spartanburg County Detention Center and I am not sure you received the original mailing.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Macdonald  
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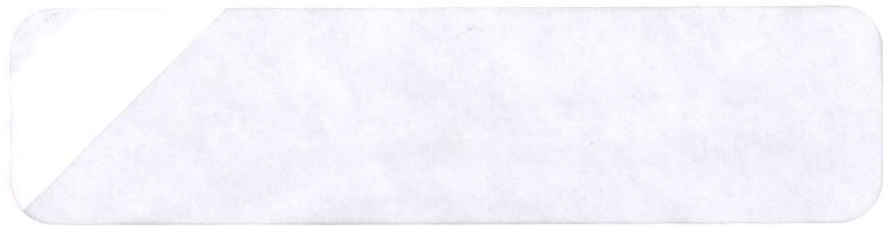
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