

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GEORGETOWN COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2012-213222

The State of South Carolina, ..... Respondent.

v.

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644, ..... Appellant.

RECORD ON APPEAL

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Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Lieber Corr. Inst. E-B-29  
P.O. BOX 205  
Ridgeville, S.C. 29472  
Appellant Pro Se,

Attorney General of S.C.  
Ms. Salley W. Elliott, A.G.  
P.O. BOX 11549  
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1549  
Attorney for Respondent

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN )  
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 State of South Carolina )  
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 vs. )  
 )  
 Jody Lynn Ward, )  
 )  
 Defendant. )  
 \_\_\_\_\_ )

THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
 FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 CASE NUMBERS: 2003-GS-22-1030  
 2003-GS-22-1031

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 CLERK OF COURT

ORDER DENYING  
 MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL,  
 MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL  
 AND MOTION FOR EXPENSES

Before the court are the defendant's Motion for New Trial based upon after discovered evidence, Motion for Appointment of Counsel and Motion for Investigative and Expert Expenses.<sup>1</sup>

Defendant argues that he is entitled to a new trial based upon a purported letter from another person claiming to have hired the victims in this case to kill the defendant. However, the letter referenced by the defendant in his motion and attached as an exhibit thereto makes no such admission and the defendant has not presented anything to corroborate such an admission.

To prevail on a motion for a new trial based on after discovered evidence, a defendant must show (1) the evidence is such as will probably change the result if a new trial is granted; (2) the evidence has been discovered since the trial; (3) the evidence could not have been discovered prior to trial by the exercise of due diligence; (4) the evidence is material; and (5) the evidence is not merely cumulative or impeaching. *State v. Needs* (S.C. 1998) 333 S.C. 134, 508 S.E.2d 857, rehearing denied. In the case at hand, the defendant has not only failed to establish that he has new evidence that will probably change the result of his convictions if a new trial is granted, he has failed to show even the existence of newly discovered evidence. Therefore, the defendant's motion for a new trial should be denied.

<sup>1</sup> These motions are based upon the contents of the defendant's motions without oral arguments.

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Since the defendant's motion for a new trial is denied, his motions for appointment of counsel and funds for investigative and expert services are moot.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the above, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the defendant's Motion for a New Trial is DENIED; it is further

ORDERED, that the defendant's Motion for Appointment of Counsel is MOOT; it is further

ORDERED, that the defendant's Motion for Funds for Investigative and Expert Services is MOOT.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

*Benjamin H. Culbertson*

Benjamin H. Culbertson  
Administrative Judge  
Court of General Sessions, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

July 31, 2012  
Georgetown, SC

# FORTIOR EXHIBIT B

Affidavit of Rondie Ward dated July 23, 2012  
Notarized by Clerk Ms. Jennifer M. Lawrence

Important Notice: Affidavit was made 8 days  
before Order denying Motion for New Trial  
was done on July 31, 2012

Jodie Ward

Case # 03GS22

1030 & 1031 Pending motion for new trial based on after discovered evidence

Further Exhibit G

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CLERK OF COURT

July 23, 2012

I Rondie J. Ward to the best of my knowledge did speak with Michael Abner at my home of 152 Bear Loop, Georgetown

Michael called ~~late~~ one night and told me that he and Jodie had gotten into a fight at the railroad tracks and me ~~from~~ there. And Michael told me that he paid them boys to ~~kill~~ Jodie.

And this is all I know about the whole case.

Rondie Ward  
7-23-12

Rondie Ward  
7-23-12

Sworn to before me this  
23rd day of July, 2012.

Jennifer M. Lawrence  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MY Commission expires: 05/12/2018

# FORTIOR EXHIBIT

## C

Petition signed by Clerk Ms. Jennifer Lawrence  
dated Sept 22, 2003 third bond hearing she  
signed it on Number 35

To Whom It May Concern:

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, Jody Ward, who is currently in jail and awaiting trial for the murders of Elton Rutledge Jr. and Wilfred Wescott Brown, is scheduled for a third bond hearing. The first and second hearings did not result in bond reduction! We, the undersigned, strongly believe that there should not be a third bond hearing, due to the serious and extreme nature of the charges!!!

Name (Please Print)

Signature

- |                              |                            |
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| 1. <u>Jimmy Young</u>        | <u>Jimmy Young</u>         |
| 2. <u>Golden Bloss</u>       | <u>Golden Bloss</u>        |
| 3. <u>Ollie B. Walker</u>    | <u>OLLIE B. WALKER</u>     |
| 4. <u>Adessa J Davis</u>     | <u>Adessa Davis</u>        |
| 5. <u>AL Meliswright</u>     | <u>Alma Wright</u>         |
| 6. <u>Ethel King</u>         | <u>ETHEL KING</u>          |
| 7. <u>Sadie Wallace</u>      | <u>SADIE WALLACE</u>       |
| 8. <u>Julia Linn</u>         | <u>Julie Linn</u>          |
| 9. <u>Margie Linn</u>        | <u>MARGIE LINN</u>         |
| 10. <u>Everlee H. Holmes</u> | <u>Everlee Linn Holmes</u> |
| 11. <u>King Holmes</u>       | <u>King Holmes</u>         |
| 12. <u>CHUCK GRATE</u>       | <u>Chuck Grate</u>         |
| 13. <u>Ollie Bell Grate</u>  | <u>Ollie Bell Grate</u>    |
| 14. <u>Ruth B. Holmes</u>    | <u>Ruth B. Holmes</u>      |
| 15. <u>Hank Holmes</u>       | <u>Hank Holmes</u>         |
| 16. <u>Rebecca Holmes</u>    | <u>Rebecca Holmes</u>      |
| 17. <u>Barbara Lawson</u>    | <u>Barbara Lawson</u>      |
| 18. <u>Loren Allen</u>       | <u>Loren A. Linn</u>       |
| 19. <u>Reginald Priest</u>   | <u>Reginald Priest</u>     |

- 20. Paul Dayton
- 21. Olivia Deas
- 22. Peggy M. Smith
- 23. Emily Woodberry
- 24. Ervin Woodberry
- 25. Alford Geeson
- 26. Barbara Brunson
- 27. Rosa Smith
- 28. Thomas Smith
- 29. Patricia Brown
- 30. Darren E. Brown
- 31. Lisa Wracc
- 32. Joseph Wracc
- 33. Demond Lawrence
- 34. ROBERT John
- 35. Jennifer Lawrence
- 36. Gwen Reid
- 37. ROBERT Reid
- 38. Kenneth C Wright
- 39. Sylvia Dozier
- 40. Nickole Young
- 41. Andrew J Brown
- 42. Julia R. Brown
- 43. John R. Brown
- 44. Levern Deas

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- John R. Brown
- Levern Deas

- 44. Richard A. Geathers
- 45. Mary L. Davis
- 46. MARINE G. Geathers
- 47. PAMELA BLAKE
- 48. Alicia Lawrence
- 49. Jill Dens
- 50. Brenda Collins
- Ronni Holmes
- Wanda Walker

- Richard A. Geathers
- Mary L. Davis
- Marine G. Geathers
- Pamela Blake
- Alicia Lawrence
- ~~Barry Blake~~
- Brenda Collins
- ~~Jon J. Ab~~

# FORTIOR EXHIBIT D

Complaint filed on Clerk of Court Ms.  
Jennifer Lawrence with the S.C. Supreme  
Court Disciplinary Councils Office

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Lieber Corr. Inst. E-B-29  
P.O. Box 205  
Ridgeville, S.C. 29472

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August 27, 2012

S.C. Supreme Court Disciplinary Counsel  
P.O. Box 12159  
Columbia, S.C. 29211

RE: Complaint Filed Against Clerk of  
Court Employee Ms. Jennifer M. Lawrence  
For Georgetown County South Carolina

To whom it may concern,

I filed a motion For a New Trial Based on  
After-discovered Evidence with the Georgetown  
County Clerk of Courts office. And my uncle  
Rondie J. Ward telephone # (843) - 546 - 8774  
152 Bear Loop Georgetown, S.C. 29440  
Went down to the Clerk of Courts Office  
3 times and he was given a run around  
about Filing an Affidavit to support my  
Motion For New Trial where a serial killer  
Michael A. Abner told him by phone that he  
paid my alleged 2 victims to kill me.

Well the last time he went to the Clerks Office he told Ms. Jennifer Lawrence that the sign says that ya'll Notarize paperwork / Affidavits he paid .50¢ to Ms. Lawrence to Notarize which she did. I'm a pro se litigant awaiting counsel and I ask him to file as Fortior Exhibit G Affidavit of Rondie Ward well she refused to file it and ultimately 8 days later the Judge Honorable Benjamin Culbertson denied Motion For New Trial based on after-discovered Evidence Pursuant to S.C.R. Crim. P. Rule 29 (b).

Well hereto attached is a pending Motion to Reconsider with attached Affidavits and all paperwork filed on this behalf. I want to point out that the Clerk of Court Employee named in this Complaint Ms. Jennifer Lawrence signed a Petition to have my 3<sup>rd</sup> Bond reduction denied and now she in a Position as a Public Official blocking me from Filing an Affidavit that clearly supports My Motion For a New Trial. She is a Conflict of Interest / Mis Conduct in Office as Clerks duty in violation of my Due Process & Equal Protection; denying access to Court & Please investigate this matter and see that Justice is done.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jody Lynn Ward

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ) IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN ) FOR THE 15<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
)

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644 ) C/A No. 03-GS-22-1030  
Petitioner. ) & 1031

vs.

State of South Carolina ) CERTIFICATE  
Respondent ) OF  
) SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a true copy on below named Parties by placing the same in U.S. Postal Mail; postage prepaid on This 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

(1) Motion to Arrest of Judgment/order denying Motion For New Trial; with attached Exhibits A; B; C; D.

1.) Honorable Benjamin Culbertson &  
Georgetown County Clerks Office

2.) Ms. Alma Y. White, Clerk  
P.O. Box 479  
Georgetown, S.C. 29442

3.) Mr. Scott Hixson  
Solicitor 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
P.O. Box 1688  
Georgetown, S.C. 29442

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me  
This \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

/s/ Refused to Sign

Notary Public for South Carolina  
MY COMM. EXPIRES \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jody Lynn Ward  
Jody Lynn Ward  
Pro se Petitioner

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Lieber Corr. Inst. E-B-29  
P.O. Box 205  
Ridgeville, S.C. 29472

September 24, 2012

Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE  
COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS,  
15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
P.O. Box 479  
Georgetown, S.C. 29442

RE: PROPOSED ORDER FOR HONORABLE COURT C/A NO. 2003-GS-22-1030-1031

Dear Honorable Culbertson,

Please find hereto attached a proposed order for the courts consideration. I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. May God Bless you abundantly!

By a copy of this has also been served on the respondent Mr. Scott Hixson, Assistant Solicitor addressed as P.O. Box 1688, Georgetown, S.C. 29442.

Respectfully Submitted

*Jody Lynn Ward*

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Petitioner pro-se

CC. File  
Scott Hixson



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NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the above, it is hereby  
ORDERED, THAT THE DEFENDANTS MOTION FOR ARREST OF JUDGMENT IS  
GRANTED.

ORDERED, that the defendants motion for reconsideration is  
GRANTED.

ORDERED, that the defendant be Appointed Counsel; it is further  
ORDERED, THAT the defendant be GRANTED funds for investigative,  
and expert services.

ORDERED, THAT AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING FOR ORAL ARGUMENTS be  
GRANTED before the court makes a ruling and findings of fact on  
Motion for new trial as it is premature at this time.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Benjamin H. Culbertson  
Administrative Judge  
Court of General Sessions,  
15th Judicial Circuit

Date; \_\_\_\_\_  
Georgetown, S.C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ) IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN ) FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644 ) C/A No. 03-GS-22-1030&1031  
Petitioner Prose )

V/S. )

State of South Carolina )  
Respondents, )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

ORDER  
OF  
TRANSPORTATION

It appears that the Petitioner Pro Se presence is needed for a Motions Hearing, At the Georgetown County Judicial Center.

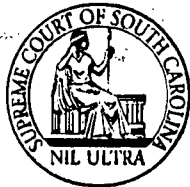
On This \_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, and the Petitioner Is Incarcerated at the Lieber Correctional Institution.

It is THEREFORE ORDERED, that the South Carolina Department Of Corrections make arrangements to transport the Petitioner to the Georgetown County Judicial Center; General Sessions Court no later than (time) \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, and deliver him back to Lieber Correctional Institution after all Hearings are over.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Honorable Benjamin Culbertson  
General Sessions Judge

Georgetown, South Carolina  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012



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**The Supreme Court of South Carolina**  
**OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL**

Lesley M. Coggiola  
Disciplinary Counsel

Barbara M. Seymour  
Deputy Disciplinary Counsel

Post Office Box 12159  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Telephone: (803) 734-2038  
Facsimile: (803) 734-1964

September 18, 2012

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Jody Lynn Ward #300644  
Lieber Correctional Institution  
Post Office Box 205  
Ridgeville, SC 29472

Dear Mr. Ward:

Thank you for your recent letter. The authority of this office is limited to issues of whether a lawyer or judge has committed misconduct or is incapacitated within the guidelines of the conduct rules adopted by the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

This office does not have jurisdiction over Clerks of Court or their employees. For this reason, we are unable to assist you. If you believe that your rights have been violated or your interests compromised, we suggest that you seek the advice of a lawyer.

If you have a complaint about a lawyer or judge, you will need to provide us with the name of the lawyer or judge and a statement of your allegations. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Tiffany Richardson*  
Tiffany N. Richardson  
Staff Attorney

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Lieber Corr, Inst. E-B-29  
P.O. BOX 205  
Ridgeville, S.C. 29472

October 11, 2012

South Carolina Court Of Appeals  
Attn: Clerk's Office  
P.O. BOX 11629  
Columbia, S.C. 29211

RE: Attachment to Notice Of Appeal 2003-GS-22-1030&1031  
to be filed, And certificate of service and a copy of my first  
Notice of appeal filed in this matter, Record on Appeal pgs. 51-67

Dear Clerk Sir, Madam,

Please find hereto attached for filing an order denying  
Motion for reconsideration dated August 8, 2012. I did not receive  
a copy of this until today, October 11, 2012. Also see hereto attached  
a copy of my first Notice of appeal I filed along with a Certificate  
of service that I filed on August 6, 2012.

And Please find hereto attached a certificate of service  
to show that all parties to this action have been served.

And find hereto attached a copy of all orders unto this  
case and Notice of Appeals Appellants Record on Appeal Pages  
51-67, as proof of pending filings in this case that's pending.

Respectfully Submitted,

181 Jody Lynn Ward #300644  
Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Appellant pro se

CC: File  
Georgetown County Clerk Of Court  
Mr. Scott Hixson, Solicitors Office  
Mr. Allan Wilson, Attorney General

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Lieber Corr. Inst. E-B-29  
P.O. BOX 205  
Ridgeville, S.C. 29472

October 11, 2012

Georgetown County Clerk of Court  
Attn: Ms. Alma Y. White, Clerk  
P.O. BOX 479  
Georgetown, S.C. 29442

Re: Filing Attachments of Order I received just today to my  
pending Notice of Appeals Case No. 2003-GS-22-1030&1031

Dear Ms. White,

I recieved an order today hereto attached to be filed along  
with my record on appeal pages 51-67, thats all a part of this  
pending Notice of Appeal. I do not know why I never recieved a  
copy of the order denying Motion for reconsideration, but thats  
really neither here nor there. I thank you for your time with this  
matter.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*131 Jody Lynn Ward, #300644*  
Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Appellant pro se

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S.C. COURT OF Appeals, Clerks Office  
Mr. Scott Hixson, Solicitor  
Mr. Allan Wilson, Attorney General

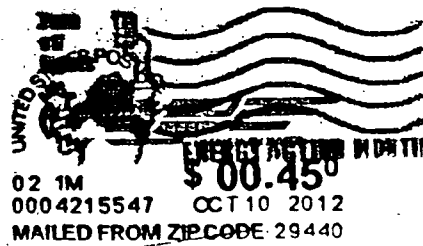
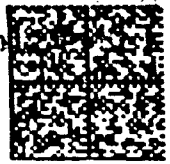
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to  
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Part Of Pending  
Notice Of Appeal  
All Orders & Notice of Appeals filed.

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Alma Y. White  
Georgetown County Clerk of Court  
General Sessions Court  
P.O. Box 479  
Georgetown, SC 29442

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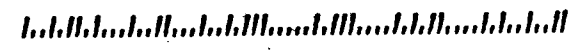
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October 9, 2012

Jody Lynn Ward #300644  
Lieber CI E-B-29  
PO Box 205  
Ridgeville, SC 29472

In response to your request regarding:

- PCR Form Enclosed.
- Legal advice.* The Clerk of Court is prohibited from providing *legal advice*. Contact your attorney for assistance.
- Information from file(s).* Please contact a relative, friend or your attorney to research your case(s) and make copies at a minimum cost or you will have to supply this office with warrant numbers and/or indictment numbers and pay a \$15.00 charge, to be paid in advance, to research your files, and pay \$.25 per copy thereafter.
- Being relieved from your attorney. The Clerk of Court has no authority to relieve a Defendant of an attorney. A Circuit Court Judge must address this request.
- Correction(s) on *Sentencing Sheet*. The Clerk of Court has no authority to adjust or change information on a sentencing sheet. Please contact your attorney for legal advice.
- Forwarding information* to the Solicitor/attorneys/judges/etc. Your documents are being returned. The Clerk's office accepts no responsibility for forwarding information to a third party.
- Clocking and filing motions/documents etc.* Contact your attorney to properly file motions/documents/etc. [This is a Pro Se case. Your document(s) have been clocked and filed].
- A copy of a deposition(s).* Contact the attorney(s) involved in the case for copies.
- Expungement information/application* Contact the Solicitor's Office. **Solicitor's Office, PO Box 1688, Georgetown, SC 29442.**
- A detainer,* Contact the Solicitor's Office. **Solicitor's Office at PO Box 1688, Georgetown, SC 29442.**
- Information on the following *warrant(s)*; \_\_\_\_\_  
At this time, this office has no record of the warrant(s) in question. Contact the arresting agency.
- A copy of a transcript(s). You will need to contact the Court Reporter.
- Other/Comments: **Copy of "Order Denying Motion for Reconsideration" enclosed**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Georgetown County Court of General Sessions

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN )

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
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State of South Carolina )  
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 vs. )  
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 Jody Lynn Ward, )  
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 Defendant. )  
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ORDER DENYING  
MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

The defendant's Motion for Reconsideration dated August 8, 2012 is DENIED.  
This motion was decided without oral arguments.  
AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

*Benjamin H. Culbertson*  
Benjamin H. Culbertson  
Administrative Judge  
Court of General Sessions, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

August 20, 2012  
Georgetown, SC

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JODY LYNN WARD, #300644  
LIEBER CORR. INST. E-B-29  
P.O. BOX 205  
RIDGEVILLE, S.C. 29472

SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

GEORGETOWN COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE  
ATTN: MS. ALMA Y. WHITE, CLERK  
P.O. BOX 479  
GEORGETOWN, S.C. 29442

Re: Disposition on Reconsideration of denial of motion for new trial C/a no. 2003-GS-22-1030;1031

Dear Ms, White,

I am writing to you to see if the court has made a ruling in the above referenced matter. Please send me a copy of an order if there has been a disposition. Thank you and God Bless You!

Or let me know if its still pending.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

1st   
Jody Lynn Ward, #300644

CC.File

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October 9, 2012

Jody Lynn Ward #300644  
Lieber CI E-B-29  
PO Box 205  
Ridgeville, SC 29472

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- Other/Comments:

Georgetown County Court of General Sessions

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Lieber Corr. Inst. E-B-29  
P.O. Box 205  
Ridgeville, S.C. 29472

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August 6, 2012

South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 11629  
Columbia, S.C. 29211

RE: Filing of Notice of Appeal with Attached Fortior Exhibit/  
Order denying Motion For New Trial; attached Certificate of  
Case No. 2003-GS-22-1030-1031 Service.

Dear Clerk Madam, Sir,

Please find here enclosed for Filing Notice of Appeal  
with Attached Fortior Exhibit / Order Denying Motion For New  
Trial that I received written copy of Order on August  
3, 2012; along with Certificate of Service that all  
parties to this appeal was served. Thank you for all  
your time and help with this matter. May God Bless  
You All Abundantly!

cc. File

Georgetown County Solicitor,  
Mr. Scott Hixson, Solicitor.

Georgetown County Clerk's Office,  
Ms. Alma Y. White, Clerk.

Office of Attorney General S.C.  
Mr. Allan Wilson, Attorney General

Respectfully Submitted,

1st ~~Jody Lynn Ward, #300644~~  
Appellant, Pro Se

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GEORGETOWN COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Benjamin H. Culbertson, circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2003-GS-22-1030 & 1031

The State of South Carolina . . . . . Respondent,

v.

Jody Lynn Ward, # 300644 . . . . . Appellant,

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Jody Lynn Ward appeals his conviction and sentence in this case from Order Denying Motion For New Trial, Motion For Appointment of Counsel and Motion For Expenses for Investigator and Experts. This order of the Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson dated July 31, 2012, which denied appellants motion for a New Trial. Appellant received written notice of entry of this Order on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,  
1st Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Jody Lynn Ward, #300644

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EXHIBIT

Attachment to Notice of Appeal /

Copy of Order Denying Motion  
For New Trial, Motion For Appointment of  
Counsel And Motion For Expenses

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN )

THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
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2003-GS-22-1031

State of South Carolina )  
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Defendant. )  
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ORDER DENYING  
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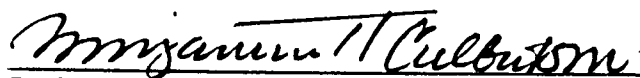
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AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



Benjamin H. Culbertson

Administrative Judge

Court of General Sessions, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

July 31, 2012  
Georgetown, SC

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GEORGETOWN COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2003-GS-22-1030 & 1031

The State of South Carolina . . . . . Respondents,  
v.

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644 . . . . . Appellant

Certificate of Service

I Jody Lynn Ward hereby certify that a true copy has been sent to the below addressed on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012. By placing the same in U.S. postal mail postage prepaid. <sup>(1)</sup> Notice of Appeal with Fortior Exhibits

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me

On This 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012

(S) Sylvia Jones  
Notary Public for South Carolina

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1/24/2018

Respectfully Submitted,  
(S) Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Jody Lynn Ward, #300644

- 1.) Georgetown County Solicitor  
P.O. Box 1688  
Georgetown, S.C. 29443
- 2.) Georgetown County Clerk  
P.O. Box 479  
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- 3.) Office of Attorney General  
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Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Lieber Corr. Inst. E-B-29  
P.O. BOX 205  
Ridgeville, S.C. 29472

Date: October 4, 2012

South Carolina Court Of Appeals  
Attn: Clerk's Office  
P.O. BOX 11629  
Columbia, S.C. 29211

Re: Filing Notice Of Appeal/Case No. 2003-GS-22-1030&1031

Dear Clerk Sir or Madam,

Please find here for filing a Notice of Appeal in the above referenced matter. By a copy of this I have also served all the interested parties to this matter. I thank you for all your time and help with this matter, May God Bless You All Abundantly. Also please send me the Indigent Form for Appellate Counsel.

Respectfully Submitted,

*1/1 Jody Lynn Ward, #300644*  
Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Appellant pro se

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Ms. Alma Y. White, Clerk  
Scott Hixson, Assistant Solicitor  
Allan Wilson, Attorney General



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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Jody Lynn Ward appeals his conviction and sentence in this case, from the denial of motion for new trial based on after discovered evidence, denial of motion for arrest of judgment; and the denial of motion to reconsideration of order denying motion for new trial. All the listed Orders was denied by the Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson. [This appeal is taken from the following Orders of the Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson, dated July 31, 2012; September 25, 2012; and finally September 25, 2012, which denied appellants motions for a new trial or related in nature. Appellant received written notice of entry of these Orders on August 3, 2012; September 28, 2012 and finally October 3, 2012.] It appears that motion to reconsideration was also made in the denial of arrest of judgment.

Date: October 4, 2012

*/s/ Jody Lynn Ward, #300644*  
Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Lieber Corr. Inst. E-B-29  
P.O. BOX 205  
Ridgeville, S.C. 29472

Other Counsel of Record:  
Scott Hixson  
Assistant Solicitor  
P.O. BOX 1688  
Georgetown, S.C. 29442  
Attorney for Respondent

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN )

THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CASE NUMBERS: 2003-GS-22-1030  
2003-GS-22-1031

State of South Carolina )  
vs. )  
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Defendant. )

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*Benjamin H. Culbertson*

Benjamin H. Culbertson  
Administrative Judge  
Court of General Sessions, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

July 31, 2012  
Georgetown, SC

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN )

THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
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State of South Carolina )  
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ORDER DENYING  
MOTION TO ARREST JUDGMENT

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The defendants Motion to Arrest Judgment in this case is DENIED.<sup>1</sup>

*Benjamin H. Culbertson*

Benjamin H. Culbertson  
Administrative Judge  
Court of General Sessions, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

September 25, 2012  
Georgetown, SC

<sup>1</sup> This motion was decided on the contents of the defendant's motion and without oral arguments.

JODY LYNN WARD, #300644  
LIEBER CORR. INST. E-B-29  
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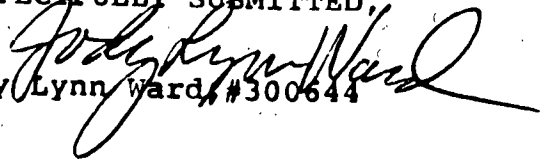
Re: Disposition on Reconsideration of denial of motion for new trial C/a no. 2003-GS-22-1030; 1031

Dear Ms, White,

I am writing to you to see if the court has made a ruling in the above referenced matter. Please send me a copy of an order if there has been a disposition. Thank you and God Bless You!

Or let me know if its still pending.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Jody Lynn Ward, #300644

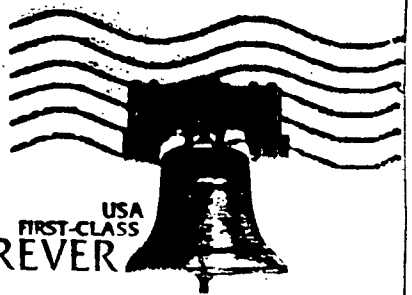
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October 2, 2012

Jody Lynn Ward 300644  
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In response to your request regarding:

- PCR Form Enclosed.
- Legal advice.* The Clerk of Court is prohibited from providing *legal advice*. Contact your attorney for assistance.
- Information from file(s).* Please contact a relative, friend or your attorney to research your case(s) and make copies at a minimum cost or you will have to supply this office with warrant numbers and/or indictment numbers and pay a \$15.00 charge, to be paid in advance, to research your files, and pay \$.25 per copy thereafter.
- Being relieved from your attorney. The Clerk of Court has no authority to relieve a Defendant of an attorney. A Circuit Court Judge must address this request.
- Correction(s) on *Sentencing Sheet*. The Clerk of Court has no authority to adjust or change information on a sentencing sheet. Please contact your attorney for legal advice.
- Forwarding information* to the Solicitor/attorneys/judges/etc. Your documents are being returned. The Clerk's office accepts no responsibility for forwarding information to a third party.
- Clocking and filing motions/documents etc.* Contact your attorney to properly file motions/documents/etc. [This is a Pro Se case. Your document(s) have been clocked and filed].
- A copy of a deposition(s).* Contact the attorney(s) involved in the case for copies.
- Expungement information/application* Contact the Solicitor's Office. Solicitor's Office, PO Box 1688, Georgetown, SC 29442.
- A detainer,* Contact the Solicitor's Office. Solicitor's Office at PO Box 1688, Georgetown, SC 29442.
- Information on the following *warrants(s)*; \_\_\_\_\_  
At this time, this office has no record of the warrant(s) in question. Contact the arresting agency.
- A copy of a transcript(s). You will need to contact the Court Reporter.
- Other/Comments: A copy of "Order Denying Motion to Arrest Judgment" is enclosed.

  
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Georgetown County Court of General Sessions

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN )

THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CASE NUMBERS: 2003-GS-22-1030  
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*Benjamin H. Culbertson*

Benjamin H. Culbertson  
Administrative Judge  
Court of General Sessions, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

September 25, 2012  
Georgetown, SC

<sup>1</sup> This motion was decided on the contents of the defendant's motion and without oral arguments.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

Appeal From Georgetown County  
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V.

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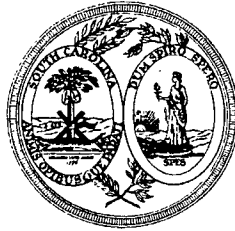
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the attached Order of Dismissal of Motion for Reconsideration, And attached Notice of Appeal which was actually my 1st, first Notice of Appeals filed in this case and another copy of my second Notice of Appeal Attached with a copy herein of all Orders unto this matter. On This 12<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2012. Has been served on all below addressed parties by placing a copy in the United States Postal Mail Postage prepaid; Also record on appeal numbers 51-67, Notice of Appeals, All Orders.

- 1.) Georgetown County Clerks Office      2.) Attorney Generals Office  
Attn: Ms. Alma Y. White, Clerk      Mr. Allan Wilson, A.G.  
P.O. BOX 479      P.O. BOX 11549  
Georgetown, S.C. 29442      Columbia, S.C. 29211-1549
- 3.) Georgetown County Solicitors Office      4.) S.C. court of Appeals  
Attn: Mr. Scott Hixson, A.S.      Attn: Clerk's Office  
P.O. BOX 1688      P.O. BOX 11629  
Georgetown, S.C. 29442      Columbia, S.C. 29211

Respectfully Submitted,

181 Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Jody Lynn Ward, #300644



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State of South Carolina  
The Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

Benjamin H. Culbertson  
Resident Circuit Judge

P. O. Box 479 (zip code 29442)  
401 Cleland St. (zip code 29440)  
Georgetown, South Carolina  
Telephone: (843) 545-3030  
Facsimile: (843) 545-3282  
Email: bculbertsonj@sccourts.org

October 31, 2012

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Lieber Correctional Institute, E-B-29  
P.O. Box 205  
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RE: *State v. Ward* (Case Nos.: 2003-GS-22-1030; 2003-GS-22-1031)

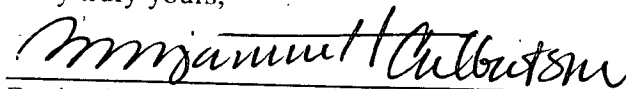
Dear Mr. Ward:

I return to you, unsigned, the proposed Order Granting Motion for Reconsideration, Motion for New Trial Based on After Discovered Evidence submitted in the above referenced cases for the following reason(s):

- does not comply with S. C. Code Annotated section(s) \_\_\_\_\_;
- does not comply with Rule(s) \_\_\_\_\_, SCRCF;
- Form 4 required in addition to the proposed order;
- motion, motion coversheet and motion fee required;
- hearing required;
- consent signature of \_\_\_\_\_ is required;
- without consent signature(s), a formal hearing is required;
- a different order, attached hereto, was issued by the court;
- file the order signed by the judge;
- serve a copy of the signed order on the attorneys and *pro se* parties in this case;
- other: The motion was previously ruled upon and denied.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

  
Benjamin H. Culbertson

BHC/bhc

Enclosure (a/s)

pc: Georgetown County Clerk of Court

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Jody Lynn Ward, #300644  
Lieber Corr. Inst. E-B-29  
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Ridgeville, S.C. 29472

October 1, 2012

Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson  
Administrative Judge  
Court of General Sessions  
15th Judicial Circuit  
P.O. Box 479  
Georgetown, S.C. 29442

RE: Proposed order for Honorable Court C/A No. 2003-Gs-22-1030-1031

Dear Honorable Culbertson,

Please find hereto attached a proposed order for the courts consideration. I thank you for your time and help with this matter  
May God Bless You Abundantly!

By a copy of this has also been served on the Respondent  
Mr. Scott Hixson, Assistant Solicitor addressed as P.O. BOX 1688,  
Georgetown, S.C. 29442

Respectfully Submitted,  
*ISI Jody Lynn Ward*  
Jody Lynn Ward, #300644

Petitioner prose

CC. File  
Mr. Scott Hixson

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CASE NUMBERS: 2003-GS-22-1030  
2003-GS-22-1031

ORDER GRANTING  
MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION  
MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL BASED ON  
AFTER DISCOVERED EVIDENCE

The defendants Motion For Reconsideration Of Motion For New Trial in this case is GRANTED.'

The defendant did supply the court with an Affidavit of one Rondie J. Ward that supported his Motion for New Trial and beyond his control it wasn't filed and since the courts denial and since it was signed and notarized on July23,2012 by the Georgetown County Clerks Office it is THEREFORE ORDERED THAT AN ATTORNEY BE APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THIS DEFENDANT FOR AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING, FOR ORAL ARGUMENTS ON MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT FUNDS FOR INVESTIGATIVE AND EXPERT WITNESS BE ORDERED.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012  
Georgetown, S.C.

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Benjamin H. Culbertson  
Administrative Judge  
Court of General Sessions,  
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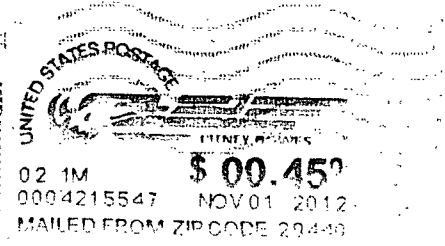
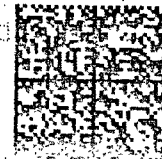
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**Benjamin H. Culbertson, Judge**  
The Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit  
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM GEORGETOWN COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2012-213222

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v.

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644, ..... Appellant.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL

The undersigned hereby Certifies that the Record on Appeal contains all material proposed to be included by any of the party and not any other material.

1s/ Jody Lynn Ward, #300644

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644,  
Lieber Corr. Inst. E-B-29  
P.O. BOX 205  
Ridgeville, S.C. 29472  
Appellant Pro Se

1s/ Jody Lynn Ward Pro se

Attorney of Record/Appointed

Date: August 14, 2013

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM GEORGETOWN COUNTY  
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Case No. 2012-213222

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The State of South Carolina,.....Respondents.

v.

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644,.....Appellant.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I Certify that I have served the attached 1.)Reply to the Respondents Initial Brief Pursuant to SCACR Rule 208 (a), (3) 2.)Designation of matter to be included in the Appeal Pursuant to SCACR Rules 209 (a), 3.)Certificate of Service ON THIS 14<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2013, by placing a true and correct copy in the United States Postal mail Postage prepaid to the below named Respondents Attorney of record to this Appeal, Addressed as follow 4. Motion for leave/relax rules;<sup>s)</sup> Record on Appeal;<sup>6)</sup> Final Brief.

1.) Office of the Attorney General

Attn: *[Redacted]*, Assistant Attorney General

P.O. BOX 11549

Columbia, S.C. 29211-1549

*William Edgar Salter III, Assistant A.G.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*15/ Jody Lynn Ward, #300644*

Jody Lynn Ward, #300644

Appellant Pro Se