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NOTES

Hi my name is Steven J Smith, and I'm writing this on behalf of my appeal. I'm appealing my sentence on the grounds of ineffective counsel. During the sentencing process my attorney failed to bring up to the judge of the court that I signed a negotiated plea agreement sheet from the solicitors office for seven years, this was a contract promising that the solicitor would recommend to the judge that he sentence me to the seven years that we agreed upon and signed in writing as a promise to do so. I feel that my public defender did me a disservice by not bringing that up in court for the record and therefor was ineffective during my sentencing phase. My public defender also explained that if I released her from my case I would not get another attorney and would have to defend myself in court. I pray this is sufficient evidence enough for the court to take in consideration.

Thank you, Sincerely,  
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Steven J Smith



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June 14, 2024

**Via U.S. Mail**

Steven Joseph Smith #00394264  
Kirkland Correctional Institution  
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**Re:** *State v. Steven Joseph Smith*  
Appellate Case No.: 2024-000956

Dear Mr. Smith:

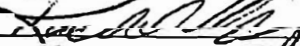
As I advised in my letter to you dated June 6, 2024, I filed and served the notice of appeal from your conviction on May 31, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, you are required to provide the appellate court with an explanation of an issue that may be reviewed on appeal.

Please find another copy of the notice of appeal, in which I explained that I am not aware of any appealable issue. Please take notice that you have **twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal.** Please send this to the following address:

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

Yours very truly,

GREENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

By:   
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Appellate Court

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Perry H. Gravely, Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2023GS2302666

The State,

Respondent.

v.

Steven Joseph Smith,

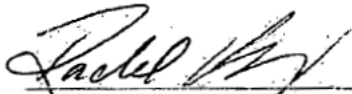
Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Steven Joseph Smith appeals his Guilty Plea and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Perry H. Gravely on May 29, 2024.

Appellant's counsel is not aware of any appellate issues, and this appeal was filed on request of Appellant.

Date: May 31, 2024

  
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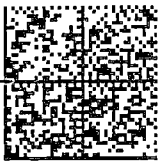
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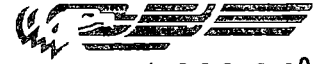
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