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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211  
(via e-filing only – supctfilings@sccourts.org)

RE: Horace E. Watts v. State of South Carolina  
2021-CP-40-00225

Dear Ms. Howard:

Enclosed for filing is a notice of appeal in the above case. Also enclosed are the following:

- (1) Proof of service of the notice of appeal on the respondent.
- (2) A copy of the orders which are to be challenged on appeal.
- (3) This appeal is filed with the Supreme Court because it is a Post-Conviction Relief case.

I am copying Appellate Defense on this matter because I was appointed to represent the Applicant pursuant to the Indigent Defense Contract Attorney Program and therefore, I anticipate Appellate Defense will handle the appeal.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Lifsey  
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cc: D. Russell Barlow, II, Asst. Attorney General  
Attorney for Respondent

Appellate Defense Division  
South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense

Clerk of Court, Richland County

Horace E. Watts