

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings July 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

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I write to you in reference of the recent dismissal of my appeal. In the letter from my attorney James Cheeks. It said I 20 days to reply, which gave me a date of July 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

In the letter I recieved from your office today which stated that I failed to provide explanation for my appeal, was filed July 9<sup>th</sup> in which there is no way my letter was reviewed. With that being said I was permitted to send it off on Wed July 10<sup>th</sup> in which it should have reached your office by today.

Also in the letter heading it has Judge Griffith of Spartanburg Co. I was sentenced by Judge Hayes of Spartanburg County for my plea agreement, in which was under duress because of ineffective counsel. Judge Griffith converted my home detentio sentence of 5yrs into a Activated sentence of 10 yrs & a 7yrs consecutive for Indictment # 2024-GS-42-2120

in which I was never afforded rights to my pre-liminar hearing or rights to my (Rule 5) Motion of discovery, in which I was threatend with a life sentence. My counsel of record (Beverly Jones) never responded to my request of information about my case, we had the same issue in 2023 and I fired her. I hired

Attorney Joshua Shultz and had the same issues (2 of 2)  
that I had with (Beverly Jones). Shultz never informed me  
of the Activation of a 10-yr sentence if I violated Home  
Detention, I was never provided a sentencing sheet. He never  
objected to the lack of evidence or to broken chain of custody  
errors. In each of these cases the Attorneys of the Optlog.  
Co. Public Defender office & E. Joshua Shultz provided less  
than adequate representation & Ineffective Counsel in which  
my right to Due Process was violated, In which my Attorneys  
watched it go on, and Ignored my request on the Kiosk which  
is Documented at Optlog Co. Detention facility.

Sincerely,  
Garen L. Thomas  
2/6/78

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