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July 24, 2024

The Honorable Patricia Howard  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
PO Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Ricky Hayes v. State  
Case No: 2024-000895

Dear Ms. Howard:

I spoke with Ethel Clark in your office and explained my misunderstanding of the enclosed deficiency letter.

Please note that I represented Ricky Hayes under the rule 608 program and filed this appeal as a matter of routine practice. I personally do not believe Mr. Hayes has any valid issue to challenge the lower court's ruling and I incorrectly believed the office of appellate indigent defense would respond.

**In any event, I am copying Mr. Ricky Hayes and informing him that he has 20 days from the date of this letter to file a Pro Se Motion explaining why he thinks the lower court ruling was improper.**

I hope this satisfies my obligations and ask you to call with any questions or issues.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

*/s/ Christopher L. Murphy*  
Christopher L. Murphy

CLM/am

cc: Ricky Hayes (SCDC #00306531)  
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