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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
S.C. Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

**S.C. Supreme Court**

Re: The State v. Claude W. Cordell

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

As evidenced by the enclosed affidavit, Mr. Cordell has elected to drop his appeal. He was advised by recent correspondence of the consequences of dropping the appeal. Since his decision is knowing and voluntary, having discussed the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing the appeal, I would respectfully request that an Order Dismissing Appeal be issued.

By copy of this letter, I am informing of the Office of the Attorney General of Mr. Cordell's decision.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

RMD/lf

Enclosure

cc: Blair Ballard Massey, Esquire

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD )

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA  
SUPREME COURT

CLAUDE W. CORDELL, )  
 )  
PETITIONER, )

Appellate Case No. 2013-001533

vs. )

AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE, )  
 )  
RESPONDENT, )

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PERSONALLY appeared before me, Claude W. Cordell, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the petitioner in the above-captioned case.
2. I understand that I may request assistance from the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense in perfecting my Petition for Writ of Certiorari from the denial of my post-conviction relief application. I have been informed of the possible consequences of either continuing with this proceeding or dropping this case.
3. I request that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense not perfect my Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the South Carolina Supreme Court, as it is my desire not to appeal this action.

Claude W. Cordell  
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SWORN TO before me this 30TH  
day of August, 2013.

[Signature] (U.S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: April 12, 2013

