

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
State of South Carolina

-vs-

Joseph Zander-Lee Wooten  
Defendant.

) Indictment Nos.: 2024-GS-46-03221  
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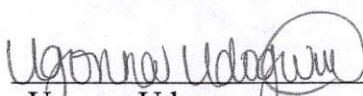
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**RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION**

Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), the issue to be raised on appeal is whether the court abused its discretion when it imposed the Time Served sentence on indictment: 2024-GS-03221.

The undersigned does not have a good faith basis to believe that this issue is properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did not object to the sentence or file a motion to reconsider the sentence. Nevertheless, the undersigned consulted with the Appellant about his right to appeal, and after consultation, the undersigned has filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. *See Frazer v. South Carolina*, 430 F.3d 696, 705 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate on behalf of his client.'") (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Re: Assault & Battery 1<sup>st</sup> degree (2024-GS-46-03221)

Dear Mr. Wooten:

Enclosed please find certified copies of the Notice of Appeal, Rule 203 (B) Explanation and Certified Certificate of Service regarding your recent plea. Please note that you must inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing, within **twenty (20) days** of the date of this letter, of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal.

You must send your arguments for your appeal to the following address:

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P.O. Box 11629  
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Sincerely,  
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