

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM Horry COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions  
Larry B. Hyman, Jr. Circuit Court Judge

M975812; M975815; 2013A2610200483; 2013A2610200480

State of South Carolina.....Respondent

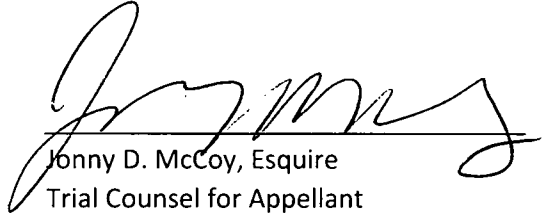
v.

Gerard Antonio Watts.....Appellant

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Gerard Antonio Watts appeals the ruling by the Court and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Larry B. Hyman, Jr on September 11, 2013.

September 19, 2013

  
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Trial Counsel for Appellant

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Statement pursuant to  
Rule 203 (d)(1)(B)(iv)

Trial Counsel believes that no issues of law or fact were raised before the Judge at the time that could be a basis for an Appeal in this matter. The Defendant, has requested that this appeal be filed despite my opinion concerning appealable issues.

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COUNTY OF Horry )

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

**RULE 203 (B) (iv)**  
**WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF**  
**NO**  
**BASIS FOR APPEAL**

v. )

Gerard Antonio Watts, )  
 )  
Defendant. )

PERSONALLY appeared before me Jonny D. McCoy, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I represented the above names defendant before Judge Larry B. Hyman, Jr. on September 11, 2013 at which time the defendant entered a guilty plea to four charges.
2. No issues of law or fact were raised before the Judge at that time that could be the basis for an Appeal in this matter.
3. The defendant requested this appeal be filed based on the language used by the plea judge informing the client she has the right to appeal his guilty plea within (10) days.
4. The defendant notified me on September 17, 2013 that he wished to file an appeal.
5. I informed defendant that there were no issues to appeal.
6. Defendant requested the Appeal be filed.

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Sworn to and Subscribed before me  
19<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2013

Eljabeth Suter  
Notary Public, State of South Carolina  
My commission expires: 3/5/2020

Jonny McCoy  
Signature of Attorney for Defendant  
Jonathan D. McCoy  
Print name of Attorney for Defendant

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I hereby certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the State of South Carolina by depositing a copy of the Notice in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, in Thursday, Septemeber 19, 2013 addressed to the attorney of record:

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Thursday, September 19, 2013



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September 23, 2013

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Clerk of Court of Appeals  
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RE: State of South Carolina v. Gerard Antonio Watts  
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Dear Mr. Richstad,

Enclosed you will find the Notice of Appeal in the above criminal matter. I am filing this Notice on behalf of my client to protect her interests. I was retained in the underlying criminal matter, however, I have not been retained on Appeal. By copy of these documents, I am requesting that the Office of Appellate Defense handle this Appeal for Mr. Watts.

Also enclosed are the following:

1. Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal on the Respondent.
2. A Copy of the Order which is to be challenged on appeal.
3. Self-addressed stamped envelope

I would appreciate your filing the Notice of Appeal, as well as the Proof of Service, and returning to me the date stamped copies in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

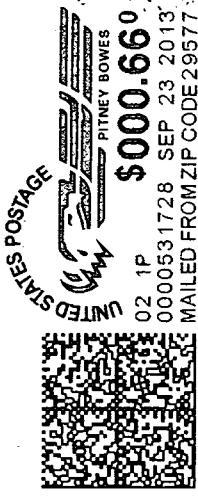
Sincerely,



Jonny D. McCoy, Esq.

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