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January 16, 2025

Isaiah Jacob Holmes
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SC Court of Appeals

RE: The State v. Isaiah Jacob Holmes
Appellate Case No. 2024-002007

Dear Mr. Holmes:

Enclosed please find a copy of an Amended Notice of Appeal we filed on your behalf. Pursuant to the requirements of the Court of Appeals, you have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Your written explanation must conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules:

If the appeal is from a guilty plea, an *Alford* plea or a plea of nolo contendere, a written explanation showing that there is an issue which can be reviewed on appeal. This explanation should identify the issue(s) to be raised on appeal and the factual basis for the issue(s) including how the issue(s) was raised below and the ruling of the lower court on that issue(s). If an issue was not raised to and ruled on by the lower court, the explanation shall include argument and citation to legal authority showing how this issue can be reviewed on appeal. If the appellant fails to make a sufficient showing, the notice of appeal may be dismissed.

Please mail your written explanation to the Court at the following address no later than February 5, 2025:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Sincerely,



Melisa W. Gay

cc: South Carolina Court of Appeals
(via email: ctappfilings@sccourts.org)

**AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM A SENTENCE IMPOSED BY
THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

SC Court of Appeals

G. D. Morgan Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2022GS0700567-69

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Isaiah Jacob Holmes,

Appellant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

Isaiah Jacob Holmes appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. On November 13, 2024 Appellant entered pleas pursuant to *North Carolina v. Alford* to three counts of Unlawful Conduct toward a Child. Appellant was sentenced by the Honorable G. D. Morgan Jr. to eight years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections provided upon service of three years, with balance suspended and three years probation.

Appellant challenges the voluntariness of these pleas and requested the undersigned file this appeal on his behalf based on his misunderstanding of the consequences of pleading guilty. But for Appellant's assertion that his guilty pleas were not made freely, knowingly, and voluntarily and upon review of this matter the undersigned finds no other legal basis for this appeal.

December 30, 2024

s/ Melisa W. Gay

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