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Via U.S. Mail

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

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**Re: Lakeem O. Smith, #348951 v. State of South Carolina
2013-001921 (Appellate Case No.)
2012-CP-30-890 (Post Conviction Relief Case No.)**

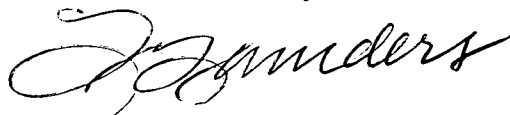
Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 12, 2013 regarding the filing of a Notice of Appeal in the above case. Please accept this letter as my formal response. After meeting with my client several times and reviewing the transcript of the plea, I have been unable to identify any valid issues that could be reviewed on appeal. Therefore, I cannot in good faith provide this Court with a proper explanation of the issues to be reviewed on appeal pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B), SCACR. I have advised my client of the need for a pro se guilty plea explanation so that he may write the Court in the coming days, and that communication is attached.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With Kind Regards, I am

Yours truly,



Laura M. Saunders
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**Re: Lakeem O. Smith, #348951 vs. State of South Carolina
C/A No. 2012-CP-30-890**

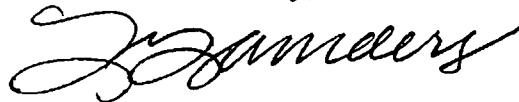
Dear Lakeem:

Enclosed please find a filed copy of the Notice of Appeal I filed on your behalf. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from the Supreme Court dated September 12, 2013. Because the original case resulted from a plea, and Rules 203 (d)(1)(B) and Rule 243(c) of the Appellate Court Rules require a detailed explanation of the issues to be considered on appeal if your appeal is from a guilty plea. I do not identify that you have any issues for appeal after a good faith effort to identify any issues on your behalf. **Therefore, I am advising you to submit a pro se guilty plea explanation within twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to the address provided by the Supreme Court Clerk.** We were able to amend the sex offender registry issue on PCR which will be helpful to you in the future.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to write.

Thanking you, I am

Yours truly,



Laura M. Saunders

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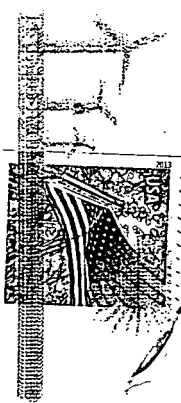
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