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August 28, 2013

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SC Court of Appeals

Re: **State vs. Kenneth Jordan Bell**

Burglary, 1st Degree, Indictment No.: 2013-GS-26-01335

Kidnapping, Indictment No.: 2013-Gs-26-01336

Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime, Indictment
No: 2013-GS-26-01337

Armed Robbery/Deadly Weapon, Indictment No.: 2013-GS-26-01339

Criminal Conspiracy, Indictment No.: 2013-GS-26-01340

Arrest Date: February 2, 2013

Trial Dates: August 12, 2013 – August 15, 2012

Jury Verdict, Guilty: Burglary, 1st Degree, Sentence: 15 Years

Jury Verdict, Guilty: Kidnapping, Sentence: 10 Years

Jury Verdict, Guilty: Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime

Sentence: 5 Years

Jury Verdict, Guilty: Armed Robbery/Deadly Weapon, Sentence: 10 Years

Jury Verdict, Guilty: Criminal Conspiracy, Sentence: 5 Years

Judge: Roger L. Couch

Court Reporter: Kay Richardson

Horry County, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dudek;

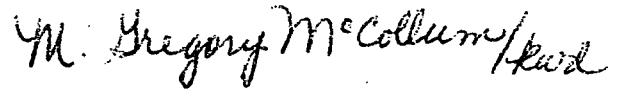
Please find enclosed a copy of the Appeal filed on behalf of Kenneth Bell. Additionally, please find enclosed a copy of the Affidavit of Indigence which was forwarded to Mr. Bell earlier. Once we receive the Affidavit, we will forward it to your office.

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender
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Please let my office know if we need to request an extension or take other action pending receipt of the Affidavit.

Thank you for your assistance and I hope you are doing well.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Gregory McCollum/kwd". The signature is written in a cursive style.

M. Gregory McCollum

MGM/kwd

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk for Court of Appeals
Kenneth Jordan Bell
Wendy Jaworski

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Roger L. Couch, Circuit Court Judge

- Case No. 2013-GS-26-01335
- Case No. 2013-GS-26-01336
- Case No. 2013-GS-26-01337
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- Case No. 2013-GS-26-01340

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v.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

SC Court of Appeals

Kenneth Jordan Bell appeals his conviction and sentence in this case, which was the result of a jury trial resulting in a jury verdict of guilty on the captioned indictments. The Sentence was imposed by the Honorable Roger L. Couch on August 15, 2013, in Circuit Court, County of Horry, Court of General Sessions.

August 21, 2013
Myrtle Beach, SC

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF HORRY)

AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY

Case Name **State vs. Kenneth Jordan Bell**

Criminal Case No. **2013-GS-26-01335, 2013-GS-26-01336, 2013-GS-26-01337, 2013-GS-26-01339 and 2013-GS-26-01340**

Current Address: **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

Are you incarcerated? Yes (If "Yes") No Where? **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

What were you convicted of? **Burglary, 1st Degree, Kidnapping, Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime, Armed Robbery while armed with a Deadly Weapon and Criminal Conspiracy**

What was your sentence? **15 years, 10 years, 5 years, 10 years, 5 years Concurrent**

Are you appealing from
 a trial, a guilty plea a post-conviction relief hearing?

In what county was this trial/hearing/guilty plea held? **Horry County**

Presiding Judge's name? **Roger L. Couch**

Date of trial/guilty plea or post-conviction relief hearing **August 12, 2013 to August 15, 2013**

Were you represented by
 a court-appointed attorney public defender or retained counsel?

Name of attorney/public defender? **M. Gregory McCollum**

If retained, how much did you pay for attorney fees? **\$10,000.00**

If you still owe money to your attorney, how much? **None**

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1. Are you presently employed? Yes No

a. If "yes," state the amount of your salary or wages per month, and give the name and address of your employer. **N/A**

b. If "no," state the name and address of last employment, date of termination of employment, and amount of your salary or wages per month. **N/A**

2. List by name, age and relationship to you, any persons who are dependent upon you for support. Indicate beside each how much you contribute toward their support **No Dependents**

3. Have you received within the past twelve months any money from any of the following sources?

a. Business, profession or form of self-employment?
Yes _____ No **X**

b. Rent payments, interest or dividends?
Yes _____ No **X**

c. Pensions, annuities or life insurance payments?
Yes _____ No **X**

d. Gifts or inheritance?
Yes _____ No **X**

e. Any other sources?
Yes _____ No **X**

If the answer to any of the above is "yes," describe each source of money and state the amount received from each during the past twelve months. _____

4. Do you own cash, or do you have any money in a checking or savings account?
Yes _____ No _____

If the answer is "yes," state the total amount of the cash owned. \$ _____

5. Do you own any real estate, stocks, bonds, notes or other valuable property (excluding ordinary household furnishings and clothing)? Yes _____ No **X**

If the answer is "yes," describe the property and state the appropriate value of the items owned. _____

6. What kind of motor vehicle do you own? _____

Is it paid for? Yes _____ No _____

If not, what are the monthly payments? \$ _____

7. How much to you owe (on liens, mortgages, other encumbrances or debts)? _____

I do solemnly swear that the account by me delivered into this Court does contain a true and full account of all my real and personal estate, debts, credits and effects whatsoever without exception, which I, or any person in trust for me, have or at the time of my possession had, or am, or was, in respect, entitled to, in possession, remainder or reversion and that I have not at

any time since charges were made against me or before, directly or time since charges were made against me or before, directly or indirectly sold, leased, assigned or otherwise disposed of or made over, in trust for myself or otherwise, other than is mentioned herein.

I understand that the State shall file a claim against me in an amount equal to the cost for representation, but that such claim shall not constitute a lien against my property, unless, the claim is reduced to judgment by the Order of the Court after giving me at least thirty days' notice.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the information give by me on this affidavit is true and correct, and I understand that I will be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties if I knowingly furnish false information.

I am financially unable to employ counsel.

This _____ day of _____, _____.

Defendant

I understand that I am entitled to at least thirty days' notice before a claim against me may be reduced to judgment, and I do hereby waive the right to such notice.

This _____ day of _____, _____.

Defendant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before
me this _____ day of _____, _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

My commission Expires: _____