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SC COURT OF APPEALS

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
S.C. Court of Appeals  
PO Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: State of South Carolina v. Keith Desue  
Appellate Case No. 2012-207288

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above case are due to be served and filed on November 11, 2013. However, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit, Mr. Desue has elected to drop his appeal. I have discussed the consequences of dropping the appeal with Mr. Desue both verbally and in writing. Because Mr. Desue's decision to drop his direct appeal is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary after thoroughly discussing the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a direct appeal, I respectfully request that the Court issue an order dismissing Mr. Desue's appeal.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Salley W. Elliott of the Office of the Attorney General of Mr. Desue's decision.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Benjamin J. Tripp  
Appellate Defender

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Enclosure

cc: Salley W. Elliott, Esquire  
Keith Desue

