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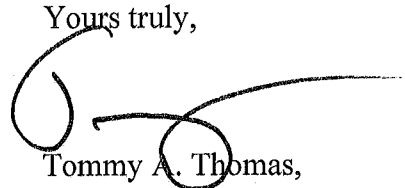
RE: Daeshaun Forrest #346850 v. State (Sumter County)
Case No.: 2026-000686

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find an original and a copy of a Notice of Appeal in the above matter, along with a Certificate of Service by email.

Kindly return a clocked copy to me. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Tommy A. Thomas,
Attorney at Law

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cc: Zachary Jones, Esq. – email
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APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY
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Daeshaun Forrest #346850,..... Petitioner,

vs.

State of South Carolina,Respondent.

EXPLANATION PURSUANT TO RULE 243(C)

Petitioner, in explanation pursuant to Rule 243 (c) would respectfully respond as follows:

The Petitioner pled guilty on October 18, 2017 in Charleston County to Attempted Murder, Firearms Provision and Discharging a firearm.

On February 14, 2018, in Sumter County Petitioner pled guilty to two counts of Armed Robbery. On the same day, Petitioner pled guilty to Accessory after Felony and Failure to Stop for an Officer in Clarendon County.

On October 30, 2017 a Notice of Appeal was filed.

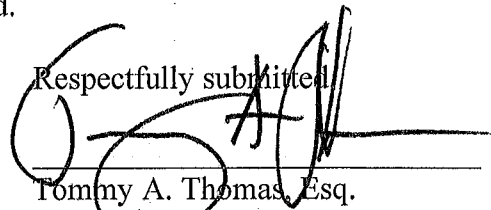
On May 18, 2018 a remittitur was sent to the Lower Court from the Court of Appeals.

The Petitioner believed that William Thrower had timely filed a Post Conviction Relief Application. He believed that Mr. Thrower had filed PCR actions in all Counties.

Attorney Tricia Blanchette provided an Affidavit that was filed with the Petitioner's Post Conviction Relief Applications. This Affidavit indicates that on February 13, 2020, she discovered that Attorney Thrower had not filed a PCR action in Charleston County, Sumter County, or Clarendon County. Applicant's PCR Application was filed on November 13, 2020.

That the Applicant filed a PCR action within one year of the discovery of newly discovered evidence that an application had not been filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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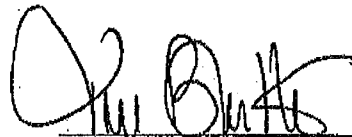
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)

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- I, Tricia Blanchette, Esquire, being duly sworn would state as follows:
- JAMES C. CAMPBELL
CLERK OF COURT
SUMTER COUNTY, S.C.
1. On October 18, 2017, Daeshawn Forrest pled to Attempted Murder, Firearms Provision and Discharging a firearm in Charleston County. On February 14, 2018, Daeshawn Foster pled guilty to two counts of Armed Robbery from Sumter County, as well as one count of Accessory after Felony and one count of Failure to Stop for Officer out of Clarendon County. He was sentenced to eighteen (18) years. He was represented by Melissa Gay, Esquire.
 2. On August 6, 2019, I had a consultation at Lieber with Daeshaun A. Forrest. He raised concerns that the attorney handling his PCR, William Thrower, Esquire, had died. It was his understanding that Attorney Thrower had filed a PCR Application in Charleston County and consulted with Attorney Gay, the Solicitor's Office and/or the Court about a resentencing in Charleston and Sumter County.
 3. On August 22, 2019, I contacted the Office of the Attorney General after a review of the Clerk of Court's website for Charleston and Sumter County did not show a PCR Action filed. Thereafter, the Attorney General's office responded that they had nothing on file in their office.
 4. On October 18, 2019, I received a review and consultation fee from Mr. Forrest's mother who had been attempting to get access to Mr. Thrower's file and assist her son in pursuing his PCR Action.
 5. On October 28, 2019 I met with Mr. Forrest at Lieber and had him sign authorization to contact the Receiver's Office at the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. I gave him documents regarding Attorney Gay's disciplinary matters, and I told him that I hoped the file would contain a PCR Application prepared by Mr. Thrower and/or contacts Mr. Thrower made regarding resentencing.
 6. Following that meeting, I contacted the Receiver's Office and obtained a form for Mr. Forrest to complete to authorize Mr. Thrower's file to be turned over to my care. I sent the form twice to Mr. Forrest, but it was not received by him.
 7. On December 5, 2019, I went to Lieber to get the Receiver's form signed by Mr. Forrest to obtain Mr. Thrower's file.
 8. On December 6, 2019, I provided said form to Patty Lundy at the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
 9. On December 9, 2019, I followed up with Ms. Lundy by email asking if I could pick up the file. I was told it would take some time to retrieve and locate in a warehouse. Thereafter, I continued to follow up regarding obtaining the file.

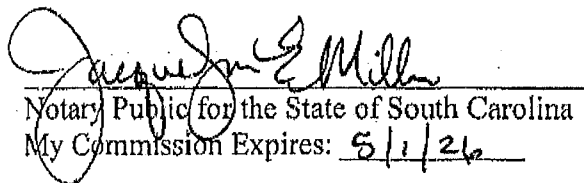
10. On February 3, 2020, I was informed that I could pick up the file later that week. I obtained the file and set up a call with Mr. Forrest.
11. On February 13, 2020 I spoke with Mr. Forrest regarding the contents of the file. I informed him that I did not find a draft or completed PCR Application nor did I find anything regarding work towards resentencing.
12. On February 18, 2020, I forwarded a copy of file to client and mother and referred them to Tommy Thomas, Esquire. I spoke with Mr. Thomas to let him know the family would be contacting him.
13. On March 3, 2020 I had a final meeting with Mr. Forrest at Lieber regarding this matter. Thereafter, with Mr. Forrest's consent, I provided Mr. Thrower's file and a copy of my work product to Attorney Thomas.
14. It is my opinion that Mr. Forrest believed that a timely PCR Application had been completed and filed by Mr. Thrower. Upon receipt of his file from Mr. Thrower and checking the records of the Clerk of Court and Office of the Attorney General, I told Mr. Forrest I could find no evidence of such Application on February 13, 2020, and I advised him to obtain counsel to file a PCR Application. I did not offer him representation as I found my involvement may require an Affidavit and/or testimony at a hearing.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



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Sworn to before me this 28 day of July, 2020



Notary Public for the State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 5/1/26

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jacquelyn E. Miller, Paralegal to Tommy A. Thomas, Attorney for the Applicant hereby certify that I emailed, a copy of an Explanation Pursuant to Rule 243 (c) to Zachary W. Jones, Esq. of the Attorney General's Office, at:

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