

December 10, 2013

Ms. V. Claire Allen  
Deputy Clerk  
South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia SC 29211

Re: The State of South Carolina vs. Mare Baracco  
C/A No.: 2013-CP-07-00918

Dear Ms. Allen:

I am responding to the attached letter regarding my upcoming appeal and its designation.

It is my contention this case has always been a criminal charge and has been designated as "*The State vs. Mare Baracco*". I am already subject to penalties: I must now muzzle my dog and am required to have a minimum of \$50,000 yearly of additional insurance on my dog, I must have a sign posted on my real property that states "Beware of Dog". Further, Beaufort County Animal Control requires me to put a "Dangerous Dog" tag on the animal in question and further, have an identification micro-chip implanted in the dog, all at my expense.

Additionally, non-compliance will cause me to incur additional criminal charges and/or more penalties. In fact, if you review the attachment sent by Ms. Lohr, you will see under section 14-36 "Enforcement", part "d" under "*Penalties*".

At no time during the past fifteen months and **thirteen** court hearings have I been apprised that this charge has been anything less than criminal and for which I will suffer criminal penalties and/or fines.

Therefore, I submit the designation of the Court in regard to the classification of my appeal as a criminal matter be so noted.

If you require anything else, or have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.



Mare Baracco  
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Port Royal SC 29935

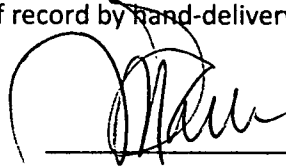
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cc: Mary Bass Lohr, Josh Gruber, Sally W. Elliot

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I certify that on this date, I sent a copy of this letter to the Deputy Clerk, SC Court of Appeals and that I served a copy of the same upon counsel of record by hand-delivery.

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Mare Baracco, *Pro Se Defendant*.

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