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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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**RE: The State of South Carolina v. Fredricko Craig
Appellate Case No. 2026-000994**

Ms. Harrison:

I am responding to your letter of April 27, 2026, wherein you reminded me of the duties required when appealing a guilty plea. According to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), I am required to provide a “written explanation showing that there is an issue which be reviewed on appeal.” Following a thorough review of the facts related to the plea and the lack of memorialized findings by the Court, I don’t believe that the issues, if any exist, can be reviewed by this Court. Therefore, I am respectfully withdrawing the appeal. I have instructed Mr. Craig that he needs to pursue Post Conviction Relief if he seeks relief from the plea.

With highest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

S/Donald L. Smith

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DLS/ds

cc: Honorable Vernon F. Dunbar, Circuit Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Ms. Wanda H. Carter, Esquire, Chief Appellate Defender, SCCID
Mr. Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire, South Carolina Attorney General
The Honorable Melissa C. Burton, Clerk of Court for Oconee County
Mr. T. Cory Jones, Esquire, Assistant Solicitor for the Tenth Judicial Circuit
Ms. Mona L. Manley, Court Reporter

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Vernon F. Dunbar, Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-000994

State of South Carolina,

Respondent,

v.

Fredricko Craig,

Appellant.

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I certify that I have served a letter withdrawing Appellant's Appeal due to the inability to make a sufficient showing that any issue(s) that may exist could be reviewed on appeal, upon The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk of Court South Carolina Court of Appeals. A copy of the above-mentioned materials were also served upon the Honorable Vernon F. Dunbar, Circuit Court Judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, The Honorable Melissa C. Burton, Oconee County Clerk of Court; T. Cory Jones, Assistant Solicitor for Tenth Judicial Circuit; Ms. Wanda H. Carter, Esquire, Chief Appellate Defender, South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, South Carolina Attorney General Alan McCrory Wilson, and Mona L. Manley, Court Reporter for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, by electronic mail at the addresses found below on May 11, 2026.

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