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Honorable Court,

Today I received the attached order. It states in part, **“Appellant has failed to provide proof of filing the notice of appeal with the circuit court clerk and a sufficient guilty plea explanation as required by Rule 203 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and this Court’s letters dated April 30, 2026.”** As evidenced by the email that I sent below to the Court dated April 30, 2026 with a clocked copy of the appeal, this is not accurate. For edification I’ve attached the same clocked copy of the notice of appeal to this correspondence that I sent to the Court that same day. In short, I did in fact provide this Court with a clocked (from the Horry County COC) copy of the “notice of appeal” on April 30, 2026 via email.

The order goes on to state, **“Appellant’s counsel failed to forward his guilty plea explanation to his client along with a letter stating Appellant had twenty days to provide his guilty plea explanation to this Court.”** Again, I must take exception to the ruling on this point. As evidenced by my attachment labeled *“Appellate Court Correspondence & Instructions,”* I did send my client, Mr. Diaz, the Court’s correspondence along with a brief letter of explanation to the S.C. Dept. of Corrections on the same day (4/30/26). As the Court can see, the letter clearly states, “You have twenty (20) days from the date at the top of this letter to inform the Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal.”

For these reasons I respectfully object to the ORDER of the Court.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Helms

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To whom it may concern,

I received the attached deficiency letter today. In hopes of curing the deficiency I have included a clocked/stamped copy of the "notice of appeal" from the Horry County Clerk Of Court.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you.

Christopher D. Helms

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Good afternoon,

Attached please find correspondence from the Court of Appeals.

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