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Wanda H. Carter, Chief Appellate Defender

June 4, 2026

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: The State v. Khartae T. Bethel
Appellate Case No. 2025-001517

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I represent Khartae T. Bethel in the above-referenced appeal. Mr. Bethel has decided to drop his appeal, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit. I am fully satisfied that Mr. Bethel understands the advantages and disadvantages of dropping his appeal and has made his decision knowingly and voluntarily. His decision to drop his appeal is not against my advice.

I respectfully request that the Court issue an order dismissing Mr. Bethel's appeal. By copy of this letter, I am informing opposing counsel, Mark Farthing, Esquire, of my client's decision.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If the Court requires any further information or has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David Alexander

DAA/dwb

c. Mark Farthing, Esquire

Enclosure: Affidavit

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
)
THE STATE,)
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Respondent,)
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v.)
)
KHARTAE BETHEL,)
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Appellant.)
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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

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PERSONALLY appeared before me, KHARTAE BETHEL, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the appellant in the above captioned case.
2. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of my conviction, and that, because I am indigent, I am entitled to the assistance of an attorney from the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense. I have been informed that if I drop my direct appeal that I forever waive those issues that could be raised.
3. In light of the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense drop the appeal formerly filed on my behalf.
4. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
5. I do not wish to appeal.

Khartae Bethel
KHARTAE BETHEL

SWORN TO before me this 29th
day of May, 2026.

Kanzera Robinson (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 9/9/2034

Bast, Daniel

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Good afternoon,

Attached is a copy of the Letter to the Court with Drop Affidavit in the above referenced case which will be filed today, June 4, 2026, with the Court of Appeals.

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