

Please consider my request for an appeal from the (transcribed) hearing on Oct 3rd 2pm at Lexington County Court on the grounds of the following:

1. Inaccurate and improper admittance of evidence regarding my case that may have influenced the Judge to impose a sentence that may have been harsh or excessive. Examples – 2 different Mait reports with different information and facts as to how the ~~accident~~^{accident} happened, where it happened and the vehicles at scene.
2. Improper admittance of evidence with the assumption of my guilt regarding the prior “pending” charge of 2nd DUI.
3. Ineffective assistance of counsel in receiving “meaningful representation” that may have prejudiced my right to a fair hearing.
4. MOST IMPORTANTLY – the original plea agreement (Felony DUI ONLY) between all parties was agreed to in September 2013. On the day of my hearing while sitting in the court room, counsel told me the charge of “leaving the scene” was now part of the plea. I was not given the opportunity to chose this or given the opportunity NOT to agree to plea, since I did not leave the scene and not guilty. I was told to plea guilty to the charge of “LTS” because of NC vs Alford. The judge tried to explain it to me as my counsel did not and as a result I may have incriminated myself by entering into a plea of guilty with out understand or knowledge . All this was done in front of the Judge and witnesses.

Please review the transcript and it will confirm the information listed above.

Respectfully,
Thomas Lee Stafford

*THEIR ARE SEVERAL FACTS AND
COMPELLING EVIDENCE REGARDING
MY CASE, ALSO.*

RECEIVED

JAN 02 2014

SC Court of Appeals

Tom Stafford