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July 31, 2026

Virdell Mercer
PO Box 254
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RE: The State v. Virdell S. Mercer
Appellate Case No. 2026-001475

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SC Court of Appeals

Dear Mr. Mercer:

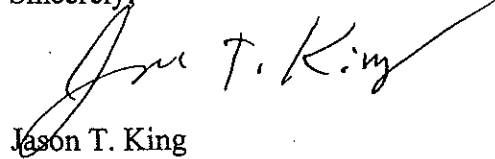
Based on your request, I filed an appeal of your guilty plea. Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Appeal submitted to the Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals on your behalf. In the Notice of Appeal I explain to the court that I am not aware of any issues preserved for appeal but nonetheless am filing a notice of intent to appeal at your request. According to court rules, an appeal from a guilty plea must include a written explanation showing that there is an issue which can be reviewed on appeal. This explanation should identify the issues to be raised on appeal and the factual basis for the issues including how the issues were raised below and the ruling of the lower court. If an issue was not raised to and ruled on by the lower court, the explanation shall include argument and citation to legal authority showing how this issue can be reviewed on appeal.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. You should write the Clerk of Court at the following address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

When you write the Clerk of Court, please include name of the case and the appellate case number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason T. King", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: South Carolina Court of Appeals