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January 2, 2014

South Court of Appeals
Attn: Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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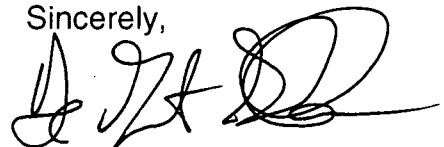
Re: The State of South Carolina vs. Donald Danforth
Appellate Case No. 2013-002635

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find the letter that was mailed to Mr. Donald Danforth on January 2, 2014 along with the explanation for his appeal.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



De Grant Gibbons
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Mr. Donald Danforth, 00283850
Kirkland Correctional Inst.
4344 Broad River Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: The State of South Carolina vs. Donald Danforth
Appellate Case No. 2013-002635

Dear Mr. Danforth:

Please find enclosed my explanation for your appeal. You have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the Court of Appeals in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. The address to which you should direct your correspondence is:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

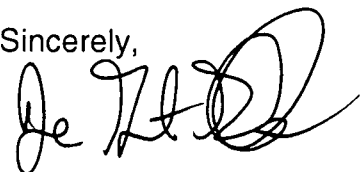
You must use the appellate case number on all correspondence with the court relating to this matter.

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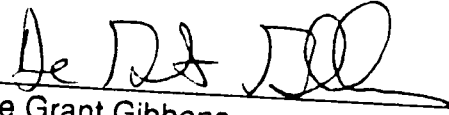
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
)	IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
vs.)	
)	Indictments #: 2013-GS-02-01833
)	
DONALD DANFORTH)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

RULE 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, the undersigned asserts that

1. I am the Circuit Public Defender for the 2nd Judicial Circuit.
2. On December 9, 2013, my client entered a guilty plea to Shoplifting (Enhancement).
3. Neither I nor the Defendant objected to the sentence or filed a Motion to Reconsider the Sentence.
4. I do not have a good faith basis to believe that any issues are properly before the Court of Appeals.
5. Nevertheless, I consulted with the Appellant about his right to appeal, and after consultation, I filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. *See Frazer v. South Carolina*, 430 F.3d 696, 706 (4th Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate on behalf of his client.'") (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "De Grant Gibbons", written over a horizontal line.

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December 10, 2013