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February 3, 2014

V. Claire Allen
Deputy Clerk, SC Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: The State v. Len McKiver
Appellate Case No.: 2013-00782

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Ms. Allen:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter my office received from you in November, 2013. In the letter, you informed me a former client, Len McKiver, filed a notice of intent to appeal *pro se*. Being his trial-level counsel, your letter requested I correct a deficiency: providing the court with a copy of the sentencing sheet from his guilty plea. Earlier this month, I called the Marlboro County Clerk of Court's office and requested they send you the necessary documents.

I have now received a new letter from the court requesting I provide it with the reasons for Mr. McKiver's appeal. As I did not file the appeal, I am currently unaware of any reasons.

It may also be worth noting I filed a Notice of Appeal on July 26, 2011, the day after his guilty plea. When Mr. McKiver failed to establish any grounds to support an appeal from a guilty plea, the court dismissed his appeal on December 21, 2011. I have enclosed a copy of the Notice of Appeal from 2011 as well as the letter I received later that year when the court informed me of the dismissal of Mr. McKiver's appeal.

As this appeal was filed *pro se*, Mr. McKiver may very well have issues he intends to raise. And, by copy of this letter to him, I am informing him that he must raise these issues in writing to the court within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter. His written response should be mailed to

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

If you require any additional information from me, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William E. Grove". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping tail.

William E. Grove
Assistant Public Defender
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Florence, SC

Enclosures

cc: Len McKiver, #323462
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Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire