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S.C. Supreme Court

Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Andrew Clayton Ladron v. The State
Appellate Case No. 2013-001662

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

As evidenced by the enclosed affidavit, Mr. Ladron has elected to drop his application for post-conviction relief. I have discussed the consequences of dropping the PCR with Mr. Ladron in writing. Because Mr. Ladron's decision to drop his application is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary after thoroughly discussing the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a PCR, I respectfully request that the Court issue an order dismissing Mr. Ladron's application for post-conviction relief.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Suzanne H. White of the Office of the Attorney General of Mr. Ladron's decision.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Pachak
Appellate Defender

RMP/pcm

Enclosure

cc: Suzanne H. White, Esquire
Andrew Clayton Ladron

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)
)
ANDREW CLAYTON LADRON,)
)
Petitioner,)
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v.)
)
THE STATE,)
)
Respondent,)
_____)

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT


AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Andrew Clayton Ladron, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the petitioner in the above captioned case.
2. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of my post-conviction relief action, 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 post-conviction relief application 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 post-conviction relief 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.


Andrew Clayton Ladron

SWORN TO before me this 3rd
day of MARCH, 2014.


Notary Public for South Carolina (L.S.)
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