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SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
S.C. Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: State of South Carolina v. Anthony Riggins
Appellate Case No. 2013-001405

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

As evidenced by the enclosed affidavit, Mr. Riggins has elected to drop his appeal. I have discussed the consequences of dropping the appeal with Mr. Riggins both verbally and in writing. Because Mr. Riggins' decision to drop his direct appeal is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary after thoroughly discussing the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a direct appeal, I respectfully request that the Court issue an order dismissing Mr. Riggins' appeal.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Salley W. Elliott of the Office of the Attorney General of Mr. Riggins' decision.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lara M. Caudy
Appellate Defender

LMC/pcm

Enclosure

cc: Salley W. Elliott, Esquire
Anthony Riggins, #305169

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF HORRY)
)
THE STATE,)
)
Respondent,)
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v.)
)
ANTHONY RIGGINS)
)
Appellant.)
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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Anthony Riggins, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the appellant in the above captioned case.
2. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of my conviction, 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 direct appeal 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 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.

Anthony Riggins
Anthony Riggins

SWORN TO before me this 28th
day of March, 2014.

Susan H. Dyer
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: _____ My Commission Expires
March 5, 2018