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**SC Court of Appeals**

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, The SC Court of Appeals  
1015 Sumter Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

In re: *State v. Randall Houston Nordan*  
2014-000622

Dear Mrs. Kitchings:

In response to your letter of March 26, requesting a written explanation showing that there is an issue which can be reviewed on appeal please see below:

## ISSUES

- I. Whether the Trial Court erred in accepting Appellant's guilty plea for the offense of reckless homicide where the State failed to present a factual basis to support the guilty plea.
- II. Whether the trial court erred in considering evidence indicating Appellant had consumed alcohol prior to the incident where this purported evidence was not relevant to any offense charged and was highly prejudicial to Appellant.

Neither of these issues was explicitly raised by plea counsel because any objection would have been futile. See e.g., *State vs. Passmore*, 363 S.C. 568, 611 S.E.2d 273 (Ct. App. 2005).

Also, you requested in your March 26 letter a redacted copy of the sentencing sheets. I have attached copies, per your request.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Richard A. Harpootlian

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Enclosures

cc: Rick Hubbard, Deputy Solicitor for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit  
Eric Bland, Esq.