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**FROM: Michelle Moorey, Paralegal to
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DATE: May 1, 2014
RE: Demetrius Dawson, Jr. - 2014-000799

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Christina Sineath, Case Worker
The SC Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
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RE: In the Matter of Demetrius Antwan Dawson, Jr.
Appellate Case No.: 2014-000799

Dear Ms. Sineath:

I met with Demetrius Dawson, Jr. on several occasions counseling and advising him under the law as to the charges and penalties presented against him over the course of several weeks. I meticulously went over the discovery provided by the State (exploring any deficiency the State may have had regarding any identification or statement issues).

After reviewing all of the discovery with my client, he made the decision to forgo his right to a jury trial and plead guilty. It is my legal opinion that he made his decision knowingly, willfully, intelligently, and voluntarily.

As such, we went before the Court on April 3, 2014 where Mr. Dawson pled guilty to Robbery/Armed Robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to serve the minimum sentence under South Carolina's Armed Robbery Statute (10-30 yrs), by the Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr. After Mr. Dawson's sentencing, I was contacted by his family on behalf of Demetrius Dawson, Jr. and they notified that they would like to appeal his sentence. Pursuant to their request, I filed a Notice of an Intent to Appeal on April 17, 2014 as to preserve any rights Mr. Dawson would have.

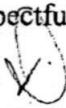
Mr. Dawson has not retained this law firm to litigate any appellate issues that may have arisen from his plea of guilt entered.

On April 30, 2014, I met with Demetrius Dawson's family at my law firm and I notified that it was my legal opinion that there are no appealable grounds. Based on the foregoing, I

respectfully inform your office that it is my legal opinion that there are no legal appealable grounds in regards to Mr. Dawson's guilty plea and/or sentencing entered into on April 3, 2014 for Armed Robbery.

Should you have further questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,


Drelton A. Carson, Jr.

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