

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr., Fifth Circuit Court Judge

Case Nos. Indictment Number: 2014-GS40-724, 1711, 1713


The State,.....Respondent,

v.

ERICK WELLS,.....Appellant.

**STATEMENT OF BASIS FOR APPEAL FROM
GUILTY PLEA PURSUANT TO RULE 203(d)(1)(B)**

The defendant believes that his plea was involuntary and illegal because he received ineffective assistance of counsel. He further believes that the State, by and through its representatives within the Richland County Sheriff's Department and Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office, violated his rights by unfairly targeting him and by withholding evidence from him. I have explained that these most appropriately handled via Post Conviction Relief (PCR), and he initially indicated he wanted to forgo his appeal, and go straight to PCR review. However, he subsequently attempted to file a pro se appeal. The Court of Appeals has requested my office perfect this appeal within ten day. Based on my client's desire to litigate these issues in the appellate court, I am constrained to file an appeal. Weathers v. State, 319 S.C. 59, 459 SE 2d 838 (1995). Because this was an appointed case, the appeal, if accepted, will be handled by the Office of Appellate Defense.



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