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South Carolina  
Appellate Court  
Columbia, S.C.

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**SC Court of Appeals**

Re: State vs. Miguel A. Urena  
Case No: 2005GS1800198

Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings:

May I please be granted access to the courts of appeals and to be appointed counsel upon the following reasons below:

I had a law clerk to assist me to write this letter and motion to help me explain the reasons of my request.

I am a Spanish speaking inmate and I do not understand the English language. As of now an interpreter his helping me explain everything to the law clerk thats writing this letter.

After my arrest November 8, 2004, I had later posted bond and attended every court hearing for two years following. I was then arrested for an unrelated offense in the State of New York, where I resided. The State of South Carolina First Circuit Solicitor's office was notified that I was incarcerated at the Westchester County Department of Corrections, but was unable to immediately extradite due to identification issues.

Then after I was extradited, I was notified that I was tried by jury in my absence and received a (25) year sealed sentence.

February 21, 2013, I was brought to Court and my sentence was unsealed and imposed by the Honorable Judge E. Dickson. I then requested Attorney James Bell, Esquire to appeal my sentence and he said yes. At this present day, he has failed to assist me upon my request for a direct appeal.

Your Honor in deciding whether to allow me to proceed with an belated appeal and to appoint counsel for my indigency; I pray that the courts should consider the factual complexity of my case, the ability of my indigency to investigate the facts, the existence of conflicting testimony, the ability of my understanding the English language to present a meritorious claim and the complexity of my legal issues.

Wherefore, I would like to thank Your Honorable Courts in advance upon your most important time and consideration upon this utmost serious matter.

March 31, 2014.  
s/ Miguel Alejandro Ureña  
Miguel A. Ureña

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above affidavit is true and correct.