

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

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SC COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM ORANGEBURG COUNTY
The Honorable Ed Dickson, Circuit Court Judge

Case No: 2013A3810200226

The State Respondent

vs.

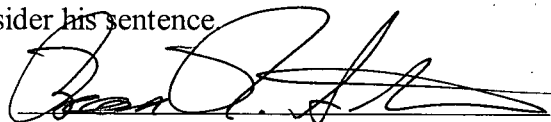
Pendral Coakley..... Appellant

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 203(d)(1)(B)(iv)

Appellant Pendral Coakley pled guilty on April 23, 2014 to Second Degree Burglary (violent). The State recommended a sentence of ten (10) years, suspended upon the service of three (3) years imprisonment. The plea court accepted Appellant's guilty plea; however, rather than imposing the sentence recommended by the State, the plea court instead imposed a sentence of eight (8) years imprisonment.

Appellant is dissatisfied with the sentence imposed by the plea court. Undersigned counsel files this appeal at the request of Appellant, and pursuant to Weathers v. White, 319 S.C. 59, 459 S.E.2d 838 (1995), and In re Anonymous Member of the Bar, 303 S.C. 306, 400 S.E.2d 483 (1991). On May 2, 2014, Appellant filed a motion pursuant to Rule 29, SCR CrimP, to withdraw his plea, or alternatively, to reconsider his sentence. On June 5, 2014, Judge Harrington heard the motion, and maintained the eight (8) year sentence. Accordingly, Mr. Coakley's motion to reconsider his sentence was denied in the courts ruling from the bench. Further, Mr. Coakley's motion to withdraw his plea was itself waived at appellant's request. Accordingly, counsel is aware of one and only issue that is preserved for appellate review: Whether the plea court abused it's direction in denying appellant's motion to reconsider his sentence.

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