

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

INDICTMENT #: 2014-GS-02-00925 /
2014-GS-02-00924/ 2014-GS-02-926

vs.

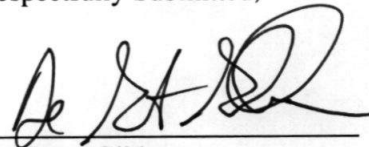
PATRICK KELLY BARNES

DEFENDANT

RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), the undersigned asserts that he does not have a good faith basis to believe that any issues are properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did not object to the sentence or file a motion to reconsider the sentence. The Defendant did not mention appealing the case, but the Defendant's mother insisted that we file an appeal. The Defendant was transported to the Department of Corrections before I was able to discuss this issue with him. The undersigned has filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. See *Frazier v. South Carolina*, 430 F.3d 696, 706 (4th Cir.2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate on behalf of his client.'") (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Respectfully Submitted,



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