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June 13, 2014

Mr. Pendral Coakley, 00359738  
c/o Allendale Correctional Institution

1057 Revolutionary Trail  
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Dear Mr. Coakley:

This letter is to inform you of the status of your appeal. As indicated by the enclosed letter from the South Carolina Court of Appeals, the Court received the Notice of Appeal and explanation of appeal that I filed for you at your request. I have also enclosed with this letter a copy of the explanation of appeal from your guilty plea and subsequent post-plea motion hearing.

In addition to what I have already written, you are allowed to write a letter as well. Please be advised that **you have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals with a letter of your own.** The letter should **indicate any issues you believe are preserved** for the Court of Appeals to consider, **and the reason/basis supporting each issue.**

The address of the Court of Appeals is as follows:

South Carolina Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29211

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**SC Court of Appeals**

Again, you must inform the Court at that address within twenty (20) days from the date of this letter I am sending you now. Time is of the essence, so please do not wait until the last minute to send your letter to the Court.

Please be sure to **send your letter the letter to the Court of Appeals—not to me.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Breen R. Stevens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Breen R. Stevens  
Assistant Public Defender

Cc: The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings ✓

Encl: Letter from the South Carolina Court of Appeals (June 1, 2014);  
Notice of Appeal;  
Explanation of Appeal.



# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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June 11, 2014

Mr. Breen Richard Stevens, Esquire  
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Re: The State v. Pendra Coakley  
Appellate Case No. 2014-001229

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your explanation for appealing.

Please forward your explanation to your client, along with a statement that your client has twenty (20) days from the date of your transmittal letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please provide your client with the Court's address:

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P.O. Box 11629  
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Please send your letter to your client within ten (10) days, with a copy to this Court.

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Very truly yours,

Jonny Abbott Kitching

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cc: Sarah Anne Ford, Esquire  
Salley W. Elliott, Esquire  
Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire  
Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire

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DATE: 06.10.14

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the 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)**

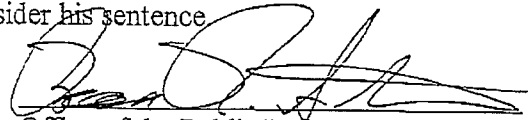
Appellant Pendral Coakley pled guilty on April 23, 2014 to Second Degree Burglary (violent). The State recommended a sentence of ten (10) years, suspended upon the service of three (3) years imprisonment. The plea court accepted Appellant's guilty plea; however, rather than imposing the sentence recommended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

June 5, 2014

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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF  
APPEALS  
2013A3810200226

ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

Due and legal service of the within *Notice of Appeal and Explanation of Appeal* by the attorney for the above defendant, in the above entitled action is hereby accepted and a copy retained by Solicitor, David M. Pascoe, Jr., in Orangeburg, South Carolina, this 6 day of June 2014.

DMP/  
Solicitor

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