

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM ABBEVILLE COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
Alexander S. Macaulay, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2000-CP-01-210
Appellate Case Number: 2010-170387

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Thomas Stafford,

Appellant,

v.

The State,

Respondent.

Petition to Dismiss Appeal

The appellant, Thomas Stafford, petitions this Court for an order dismissing his appeal.

Counsel was originally retained to investigate the potential of filing a post-conviction relief application. However, a notice of intent to appeal the guilty plea had already been filed. Plea counsel wrote this Court, indicating that there were not any issues preserved for appeal. Mr. Stafford also wrote this Court, identifying the issues he felt could be addressed on appeal. Based on Mr. Stafford's letter, this Court accepted the direct appeal.

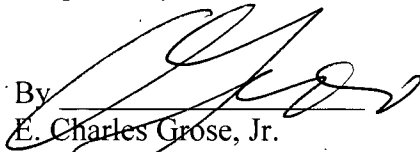
Undersigned counsel has reviewed the record and concluded that the issues identified in Mr. Stafford's letter to this Court are not preserved for direct appeal. These issues, however, can be raised in post-conviction relief.

Counsel has conferred with the Attorney General's Office and understands that office does not object to Mr. Stafford dismissing the direct appeal and pursuing those issues in post-conviction relief.

Counsel has met with Mr. Stafford and discussed this course of action. At the time, counsel did not have a form for Mr. Stafford to consent to dismissing the appeal. Counsel will meet with Mr. Stafford again and have him sign a consent form.

IT IS SO MOVED.

Respectfully Submitted,

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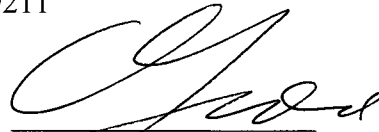
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I certify that I have served a copy of the Respondent/Petitioner's Petition for Extension of Time to File the Appellant's Initial Brief on the State of South Carolina by placing a copy in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on date reflected below, addressed as follows:

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Re: State v. Thomas Lee Stafford
Appellate Case Number: 2013-002454

Dear Ms. Kitchens:

Enclosed please find the original and six copies of Mr. Stafford's Petition to Dismiss this Appeal. As set forth in the petition, I will meet with Mr. Stafford and have him sign a consent form agreeing to dismiss the appeal.

By copy of this letter to Ms. Elliott, I am serving the State.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

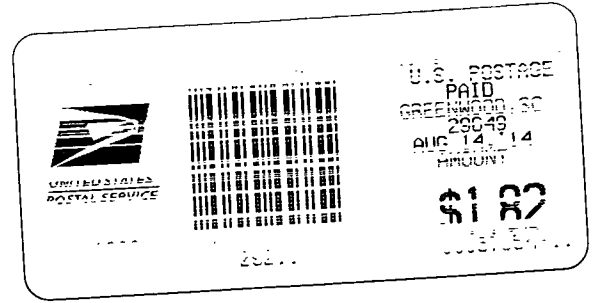
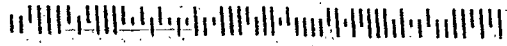
With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


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