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Earnest Jeffery Simpkins 00237351
Kirkland Reception & Evaluation Center
4344 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29210

re: State v. Earnest Jeffrey Simpkins Appeal
Appellate Case Number 2014-001716

Dear Mr. Simpkins:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the appeal paperwork that was filed on your behalf and a letter that I received from the Court of Appeals.

An appeal is a request to the higher Court to review the decisions and sentence of the judge in your case because you believe that the judge's decisions and sentence were based on a mistaken application of the law. I do not believe that there are any grounds for your appeal but I filed the paperwork because you asked me to.

If you want to pursue this appeal, it will be your responsibility to provide the court with your reasons for why you want an appeal and you must show the court that any issues for appeal were preserved for review by the appellate court. This means that any issues you want to argue on appeal must have been objected to or placed on the record before or during your guilty plea.

You must provide the Court of Appeals with a written statement of your appeal grounds within 20 days of the date of this letter. Any correspondence should include your case number. You must send your statement to the court at:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Wishing you well, I am

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: V. Claire Allen, Deputy Cle...

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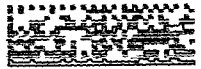
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