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My name is Keshawn Donte Jeter; I am now residing #361267, Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center, A2-17, 4344 Broad River Rd., Columbia, South Carolina. I am writing to appeal my case 2013GS4200027 which was ruled by Judge Welmaker. The reason for this letter is because I desire supplemental judicial review with regard to the decision of my court case that I received on September 3, 2014.

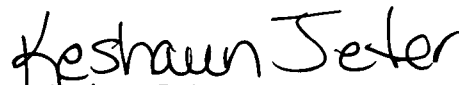
I was incarcerated on September 30, 2012 on the charge of sex/criminal sexual contact with a minor. I was in the Spartanburg Detention Center for three months until my family was able pay my bond in January 2013, and I was placed on house arrest from January to June 2013. I knew the defendant through mutual friends before the incident happened. I did not rape or threaten her at any point during the ordeal. I did not know she was underage, as she led me to believe she was older. Her cousin Nene Jones was present through the event as well. I was first told of her age by the two officers that arrested me at my grandmother's house. One of the officers testified that he showed up alone but there were two officers that took me in. Then I was assigned Mr. Hall as my public defender after the first time I went before a judge without any representation. I was told by Mr. Hall on numerous occasions to take a plea deal, I told the judge that my family was going to attempt to obtain a lawyer for me, but they didn't have the money to pay a lawyer on my behalf at the time but was trying to help me in any way. Mr. Hall stated that it could take up to two years before my case would go on the docket and that is basically home much time it took. Two years later Mr. Hall contacted us about my hearing, (between time did not hear from him much at all) I went to court and told the judge that I did not want to take the plea deal and wanted a jury trial; they sent me home with my mom and within an hour or more, he called and said they were picking a jury and I had to get back to the court.

I was detained and could not go home because the court said that my bond was revoked I spent the night in jail. I never violated my bond and did not understand why it was revoked when my family paid for me to get out. I was not allowed to talk to my family at all before the trial began and Mr. Hall told me before the trial I needed to take the plea deal because the jury would hand down a much larger sentence time if I didn't. Confused and not fully thinking, I interrupted and said I was guilty, Mr. Hall kept confusing me even up to the time of the trial and he even thought that I had mental problems and voiced this to my mom. I do not have metal problems but I did not fully understand what I was to do and he just kept saying take the plea deal. It all happened so fast, I knew I had to face this but the trial, then the plea, I didn't have a chance to think or fully understand what I was supposed to do. I've never

been in trouble before and this is the first time ever that I had to experience and go through something like this. I was 17 yrs old when all this started and no one explained to me why I was being treated as an adult. Mr. Hall watched the defendant's behavior in the court room, he witnessed the evidence was insufficient and contaminated, as the nurse testified that the DNA samples she took from me were not what was inside of the container and stated that it was not mine, then placed something in the container that was supposed to be sealed and said that it was mine.

I am a teenager who made a very unwise choice in believing that the defendant was closer to me in age, I never threaten her life, her cousin Nene Jones was there with us and we were all friends and the entire time I did not know her real age. I spent two years waiting for a trial and never got into any further trouble and did everything that I was told to do on house arrest and even when I was taken off of it. I went to school, and got a job and I had a steady girlfriend.

I'd just turned 17 yrs old five months before this happened and I was tried as an adult even though I was not of legal age and still a minor. I feel that I was not providing adequate counseling during this entire ordeal from Mr. Hall. Mr. Hall's demeanor portrayed that he knew what the jury was going to do, when he talked to me about the trial and he assumed that I was guilty. I would never hurt anyone and never have. I just ask that you take in consideration to grant me an appeal because of improper witness behavior, insufficient evidence, the fact that I was a minor when the event occurred and the fact that I did not received proper counseling to be able to defend myself. I thank you for your consideration and time for reading my letter.

  
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P.S – An alternate address I use is my grandmother's address

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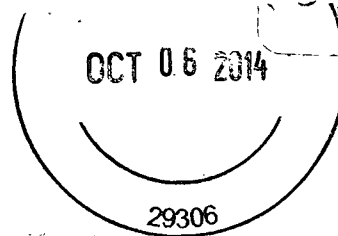


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