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SC Court of Appeals

Ms. V. Claire Allen
South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: The State v. John Michael New
Appellate Case No. 2014-002231

Dear Ms. Allen,

Enclosed please find a copy of the cover letter that I previously mailed to my former client, Mr. John Michael New, as of October 20, 2014. A copy of Rule 203 (B) was also included in the same letter. I am sending a copy of this cover letter because I wanted to make sure that the Court had this information.

Please let me know if you should need any additional materials from me with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Mr. John Michael New (SCDC#: 234663)
Kirkland Correctional Institution- MSU
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Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Mr. New,

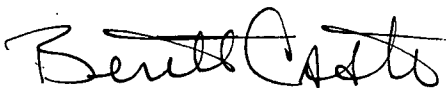
I filed an appeal from the guilty plea that you entered on October 13, 2014, in McCormick County. Please know that I do not believe that there is any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal in this matter and I have submitted a form explaining this to the Court, which is required under Rule 203 (B).

Please know that this explanation to the Court does not take away any right that you have to appeal issues arising out of your guilty plea. If you believe that an arguable basis exists for an issue that is preserved for appeal arising out of your plea, you have (20) days from receipt of this letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals of any issues that you would like to raise.

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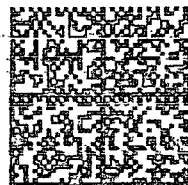
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