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SC Court of Appeals

Dear Jenny Abbott Kitchings,

01-04-15

Hey how are you?

My name is Richard Cochran, I respectfully request that a motion for an appeal be filed on my behalf RE: State of South Carolina vs.

Richard Cochran

Case NO: Murder/Attempted murder #2013GS2605493

Murder/Attempted murder #2013GS2605492

Murder/Attempted murder #2013GS2605494

Unlawful carrying of pistol #2013GS2605495

Failure to stop for a blue light, no injury #2013GS2605491

Possession of firearm during commission of violent crime #2013GS2605497

Resisting Arrest w/ deadly weapon #2013GS2605496

I advise you that the above Indictment / Case # are correct, and that I do wish to challenge the conviction and the unfair amount of years that I received on 12/8/14

My reason for: Appeal I feel and know that the amount of years I received are unfair and extremely underservable. My character has been slandered with out truth to the public and the media makes me out to

the presiding Judge saw my case on video which he made a pre judgment of my case to what he tick about the situation. No officers or civilians were harmed or hurt. I feel that the court should of reduced my attempted murders down to a lesser charge by me entering a plea such as a High Aggravated Assault, and shooting in a occupied dwelling. I do understand that my charges are very serious and I totally mad a bad mistake in my life on september 14, 2013. But at the end of the day I am a very respectful, smart, loving, and caring young man. I do have a very beautiful loving family at home that misses me very much. I am not bad person. I hope you would understand them and grant me my appeal.

Sincerely,

Richard Lochran

be a bad person and something I'm not. I feel that the presiding Judge that sentence me overcharged me for my Attempted Murders. Also sentence me the max which was 25-30 years for all my charges. That was the recommendation from my solicitor Bradley C. Richardson. On my resisting arrest w/ deadly weapon 1st offense. I received 10 years which was the max for that offense. If you can look on my transcripts on record it clearly states that the solicitor or my lawyer didn't know how much the offense carried. Also with this letter is a copy of a letter that my Attorney Eric Fox wrote me to inform me that the solicitor was asking the maximum for my charges which is 25-30 years. They also in court and this is on my transcripts on record that the solicitor sent me a plea for 20 years which I never received. As I told you before that they slandered my name to the media and made my case public to the media such as youtube, and facebook while the case were still open. I told my lawyer that my case was public which he told me it didn't matter. It does matter because

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RE: State of SC v. Richard Cochran

Dear Mr. Cochran: I spent a great deal of time communicating with the solicitor yesterday regarding your case.

First of all, the jail will not under any circumstances lift the ban on your letters to Ms. Keiser. She remains a potential witness and a co-defendant and for that reason, they insist on the ban staying in place.

Second, the solicitor is absolutely, positively unwilling to agree to an 18 year sentence on your charges. At this point, your only option is to plea straight up without recommendation (and the State intends on asking for 25 - 30 years) or proceed to trial. My very strong advice is to plea before your case is placed on the trial roster and then do what we can to convince a judge to sentence you to around 20 years. If you wait until your case is on the trial roster, you will most likely lose any benefit that might be gained by pleading earlier.

As we have discussed, I do not see any way that you are not convicted if you go to trial. The video evidence is compelling and clearly shows the car you were driving fleeing the police at a very high rate of speed for an extended period of time. And of course, your hand reaching out the window and firing a gun at the police car is also caught on video - along with one of the bullets hitting the windshield at about head level on the driver's side. There is also Ms. Keiser to identify you as the driver of the car and the shooter of the gun. And if you are convicted at trial, I believe it quite possible that the judge will give you a much longer sentence than if you plead.

I believe your best option is to plead. Of course, you have an absolute right to a jury trial and if that is your decision, I will prepare and do my very best for you.

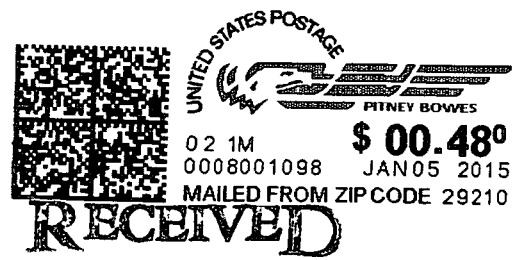
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Eric Fox". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a flourish at the end.

J. Eric Fox
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