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DEAR MRS. KITCHINGS,

I'M PRESENTING THIS LETTER TO YOUR OFFICE REQUESTING YOUR UTMOST AND SINCEREST ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION CONCERNING MY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SITUATION.

MA'AM, ON 12-8-14 I WAS TRIED FOR THE CRIMES OF BURGLARY AND DEGREE (VIOLENT) AND POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN COMMISSION OF A VIOLENT CRIME. (INDICTMENT/CASE# 2014GS2601541). THIS CASE WAS TRIED IN THE Horry COUNTY COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS. HOWEVER, ON 12-9-14 THE TRIAL ENDED IN A MISTRIAL. AND I WAS TRIED THE VERY NEXT DAY (12-10-14) FOR THE SAME EXACT CRIMES. (INDICTMENT/CASE# 2014GS2601541).

NEVERTHELESS, ON 12-11-14 I WAS FOUND GUILTY BY JURY OF BURGLARY AND DEGREE (VIOLENT) AND NOT GUILTY BY JURY OF POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN COMMISSION OF A VIOLENT CRIME. I WAS SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS.

HOWEVER, DURING MY TRIAL I WAS REPRESENTED BY JOHNNY GARDNER AND JOSH HOFFMAN OF JOHNNY GARDNER LAW, LOCATED ON 212 MAIN STREET, CONWAY, SC 29526.

FURTHERMORE, THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO FIND OUT WAS A NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED ON MY BEHALF BY JOSH HOFFMAN OF JOHNNY GARDNER LAW. BECAUSE HE TOLD ME AND MY OLDER BROTHER, TYLER COLLIER, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT MY TRIAL FOR FAMILY SUPPORT THAT HE FILED FOR APPEAL ON MY BEHALF ON 12-11-14. HOWEVER, MY BROTHER INFORMED DURING A PHONE CALL ON 1-1-15 THAT MY LAWYER, JOSH HOFFMAN CALLED HIM AND TOLD HIM MY APPEAL WAS DENIED, WHICH STRUCK ME AS ODD BECAUSE WITH THE HOLIDAYS GOING ON AT THE TIME, I FELT THAT WAS EXTREMELY FAST FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS. ON TOP OF THAT, I DIDN'T RECEIVE A WRITTEN OR VERBAL NOTICE OF MY APPEAL BEING DENIED, WHICH I'VE REQUESTED FROM HIS OFFICE. BUT MY REQUEST HAS BEEN TO NO AVAIL.

SO, THAT'S WHY I'M CONTACTING YOUR OFFICE TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OR PROOF DOCUMENTING MY "DENIAL". AND IF YOU DO, CAN I PLEASE RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTICE OR A COPY FROM YOUR OFFICE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVIENCE. THANKS.

P.S.

HOW DO I GO ABOUT GETTING TRANSCRIPTS FOR BOTH OF MY TRIALS?

SINCERELY,  
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Derick Collier