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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

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**S.C. Supreme Court**

RE: Leon A. Goodman, 321501, v. State of South Carolina;  
Appellate Case No. 2012-213366

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

As you may recall, I was court-appointed to represent Mr. Goodman in a belated direct appeal granted by the Court in exercise of its original jurisdiction. I attach a copy of that order for your convenient reference. The Court has been kind enough to give me some additional time to complete the Brief of Petitioner. It is due for filing on today's date.

In an ironic turn, Mr. Goodman contacted me last week and advised me that he had been granted parole. I was able to accept multiple collect calls from him in order to give us an adequate opportunity to thoroughly discuss whether he wished to proceed with his direct appeal. After lengthy discussion, he has concluded that he does not wish to proceed with his direct appeal. I drafted an unusually detailed affidavit in support of his request to withdraw his direct appeal. I believe this affidavit fully documents the fact that Mr. Goodman has been advised of every possible consequence of his decision not to go forward with this belated direct appeal. Opposing counsel, Megan H. Jamison, has signed below concerning this matter confirming her consent to this withdrawal.

At this time I would request that the belated appeal granted to Mr. Goodman by this Honorable Court's order dated September 24, 2014 be withdrawn. After my lengthy discussions with Mr. Goodman, I am convinced that he is making a knowing, voluntary and intelligent decision with regard to this direct appeal. Please let me know if there is anything further I need to do to formalize this request. I thank the Court for the opportunity to represent Mr. Goodman and remain,

Sincerely,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling".

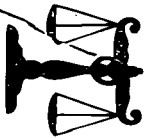
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I CONSENT:

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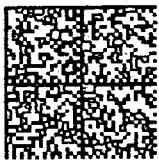
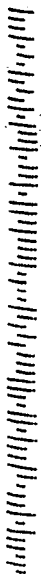
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