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February 23, 2016

In Re: The State of S.C. vs. Furman Taylor Taylor  
Warrant nos.; N201315; N201314 / Indictment nos.;  
2012GS2306513; 2012GS2306511. **SC Court of Appeals**

To Whom it may concern,  
I am writing to you in concern of these above  
referenced matters.

To begin with, after the delivery of the guilty  
verdict by the jury, and sentencing on January 7, 2015, I  
was placed in the Special Training Unit (STU), at  
Granville County Detention Center. I stayed there  
without the benefit of any correspondence materials.  
I was not even afforded a writing utensil. And, was  
not transported to the South Carolina Department of  
Corrections until January 13, 2015. Once here, I have  
been unable to obtain badly needed addresses in  
any type of timely manner, nor the necessary  
amount of materials to properly pursue any type of  
Appeal and/or legal endeavors due to being in jail.

However, since I was able to obtain your  
Offices' address this past Tuesday (Feb 23) and I jiggled  
some correspondence materials, I am using it to  
contact your office as soon as possible to request  
as much help as you and your office are able to

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provide me in an appeal with the masters.

Furthermore, I received a correspondence from my attorney of record (Mr. Alex Hornfield) in this matter. In which, he forwarded me a copy of my MY Sentencing Sheets. And, I noticed that both were incorrect. They indicated that I took a plea in these cases. Which none of these professionals, apparently noticed. Although I am only allowed (2) two envelopes a month for any correspondence, legal or personal, I felt that this mistake would deny me or very important rights in the appeal process. Thus, I found it necessary to use one to write my attorney of record to advise him of the mistake. But to what avail, I am unsure.

Also, I need a transcript of this trial. It will show the lies that were told by everyone that took the stand, as compared to their testimony during the first trial. It would also show that my past record was brought into evidence during the guilt/innocence stage, when I never took the stand.

And, the video tape that was introduced into evidence was only a partial. When I initially advised that exculpatory evidence was on the first half. The investigator (M. Stang) said that he requested this video evidence being from the time Amanda Caldwell entered the store until she left. But, only half was produced. Being that the investigator had possession of this video footage for (2) two weeks before he turned it in to property and evidence (5/22/12 to 6/04/12). During this time did he not review the tape? Plain common sense tells us that he should have.

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times. So, why would he have not went back to inquire about the rest he had requested? And during the first trial, they were not produced at all. Which, I am convinced the reason was because they were afraid that I would be able to obtain the first part of this footage to vindicate myself of this crime.

Further, it took over 300 days for the prosecutor to obtain an indictment on these charges without ever petitioning the court for any extension of time.

Therefore, any help that you could provide me in these endeavors would be of a tremendous assistance.

In addition, I want for you to know that all of your time, help, and consideration in my behalf in these legal endeavors is greatly appreciated by me!

I Look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,  
J. E. Smith

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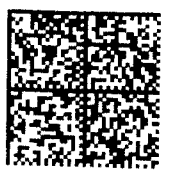
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