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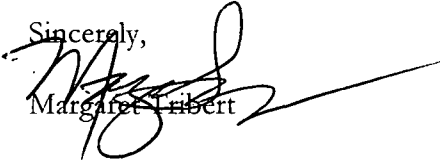
Hon. Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of Court  
South Carolina Court of Appeals  
PO Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: State v. Grooms  
2012-212683

Dear madam:

Enclosed for docketing please find my letter to inmate Ronald Grooms inviting him to correspond with the Court regarding the appeal of his guilty plea.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret Tribert

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Cc: Loriene French  
South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense

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Ronald J. Grooms, Jr.      ATTORNEY CLIENT COMMUNICATION  
SCDC ID      00350871  
Kirkland Correctional Institute  
4344 Broad River Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Mr. Grooms:

On August 7, 2012 I mailed to you (and your mother) copies of your notice of intent to appeal. In that package was a statement I drafted called a "Rule 203 (B) explanation." I included in that statements my reasons why I felt you wanted to appeal your guilty plea, based upon what you told me before the Court heard our post trial motions and based upon what your mother has said to me. I understand that you talk to your mother about every day.

You will find enclosed a letter I received from the Court of Appeals. They have asked me to mail my Explanation to you. I have already done that but I am including a copy with this letter. You now have an opportunity to write, in your own words, why you feel you have a right to appeal. If you want to do this, you should write the Court of Appeals and mail it in the enclosed stamped envelope. You need to write them on or before September 3<sup>rd</sup>, (20 days from the date of this letter.) I would not wait that long, I would get it right out. **Your appellate case number is 2012-212683. You should put that number on any letter you mail to the Court of Appeals.**

Because this is an appeal from a guilty plea, you should know that the Court does not always allow the appeal to go forward. If the Court does allow your appeal to go forward, the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense will take over your case.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret Tribert

MT/cdt

Enclosures

Cc: Hon. Jenny Abbott Kitchens, Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Marcy Grooms