

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

Case Nos. 2013A2610700933, 2013A2610700934 & 2015GS2600361

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Domenic John Merino,

Appellant.

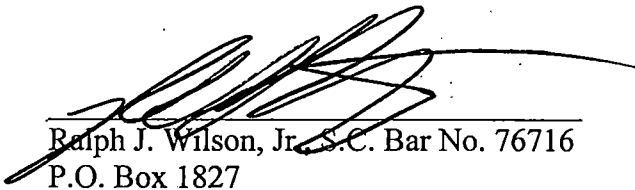
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Domenic John Merino appeals his guilty pleas and sentences in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson on April 20, 2015. A copy of all applicable sentencing sheets are attached hereto.

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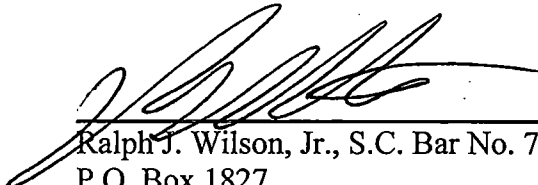
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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal upon Respondent by depositing a copy of same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on today's date addressed to Respondent's counsel of record, **Thomas Terrell, Assistant Solicitor, Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office, Post Office Box 1260, Conway, SC 29526.**

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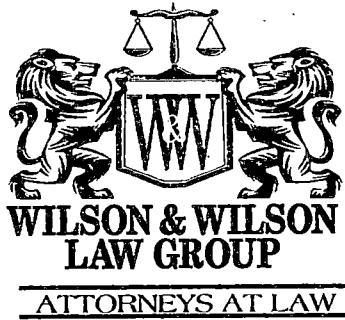
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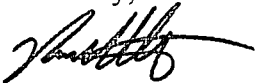
Dear Madame Clerk:

Enclosed for filing is a notice of appeal in the above-captioned case. Also enclosed are the following:

- (1) Proof of service of the notice of appeal upon the respondent;
- (2) A copy of the orders/sentencing sheets which are to be challenged on appeal;
- (3) A copy of the Order Appointing Counsel illustrating Appellant's indigency status and my appointment as counsel in the lower court proceedings

Please let me know if you have any questions or if additional documentation is necessary. By copy of this letter and enclosures to the Office of Appellate Defense I am advising said office of this appeal and the need for appointment of appellate counsel for Mr. Merino.

Sincerely,



Ralph J. Wilson, Jr.

RJWJR/jam
Encl.: as stated

cc: Thomas Terrell, Esq. (w/enc)
Office of Appellate Defense (w/enc)
Domenic John Merino, Appellant (w/ enc.)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF HORRY)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

CERTIFICATE OF REPRESENTATION
(APPOINTING AS COUNSEL)

-VS-

DOMENIC MERINO

RALPH WILSON, JR

DEFENDANT)

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TO: Court of General Sessions of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
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Defendant

This certifies that the above captioned Defendant is eligible for the services of the Public Defender, such determination having been made on, 23rd day of October, 2013, regarding the charge(s) of:

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2013A2610700933 Burglary / Burglary 1st - First degree

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2013A2610700935 Weapons / Poss. weapon during violent crime, if not also sentenced to life without parole or death

The Defendant's Counsel is Ralph Wilson, Jr. The office of the Public Defender requests on the Defendant's behalf any and all evidence in the possession of you and or your agents pursuant to S.C. Criminal Practice Rule 5, and Brady v. Maryland 373 U.S. 383 (1963). The formal Motion for Discovery is attached.

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