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SC Court of Appeals

Mr. Daniel Lopez, #355282
McCormick Correctional Institution
386 Redemption Way
McCormick, SC 29899

Re: Your case

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Please accept this letter as a follow up to our telephone conversation Tuesday, May 26, 2015. As we discussed, there are many dangers and consequences of proceeding *pro se*. First, you have no professional legal training nor do you have an understanding of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. This means you could make a costly mistake, such as miss a deadline, or not understand how to properly proceed. You also do not have access to the same resources as an attorney, especially since you are incarcerated. This includes access to legal research tools and the ability to print or make copies of necessary documents and pleadings.

Also please keep in mind that any communication with the court or any other third parties is not privileged and could later be used against you in a court of law.

As I mentioned during our telephone conversation, I copied the Court of Appeals on this letter in an effort to comply with the Court's order dated May 20, 2015.

I wish you the best of luck. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lara M. Caudy
Appellate Defender

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cc: Court of Appeals