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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY  
Court of GENERAL SESSIONS

Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

Indictment Number 2015GS0700856

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Jessie Clay Lavelle Smith,

Appellant.

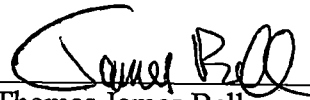
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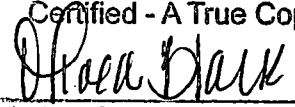
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Jessie Clay Lavelle Smith appeals his guilty plea on June 24, 2015, and subsequent conviction and sentence on the charge of Forgery, value less than \$10,000, before the Honorable Carmen T. Mullen, Presiding Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

  
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AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS JAMES BELL

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1. My name is Thomas James Bell and I am a licensed attorney for the State of South Carolina. My South Carolina bar number is 7057.
2. I am an Assistant Public Defender for Beaufort County Public Defender's Office.
3. I am filing this appeal upon the request of my client, Jessie Clay Lavelle Smith.
4. I am not aware of any reviewable appellate issues as a result of this plea. However, at the request of appellant, I am filing this appeal. Mr. Smith's concern is that he pled to Forgery with a money amount after receiving presentment to the Grand Jury.
5. Furthermore, Mr. Smith feels that in this factual scenario he should have been charged with Forgery, no dollar amount, which is a misdemeanor.

Thomas James Bell  
 Thomas James Bell

SWORN to and subscribed before me

this 30th day of June 2015

Joanna C. [Signature]  
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission expires on: June 26, 2016

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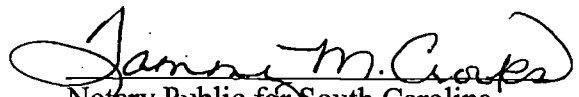
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Joanna C Compton, legal assistant to Thomas James Bell, who being duly sworn, states:

1. That regular communication exists throughout the State of South Carolina, and this is the proper circumstances for hand delivered mail.
2. That on July 1, 2015 aN Original Notice of Intent to Appeal and Affidavit of Thomas James Bell in the above captioned case was filed with the Beaufort County Clerk of Court.
3. That a certified true copy of the Notice of Intent to Appeal and Affidavit of Thomas James Bell in the above captioned case was served on the Clerk of Court, SC Court of Appeals, P.O. Box 11629, Columbia, SC by depositing same in the United States Post Office at Beaufort, South Carolina on July 1, 2015 with the proper postage prepaid thereon.
4. That a certified true copy of the Notice of Intent to Appeal and Affidavit of Thomas James Bell in the above captioned case was served on the Solicitor, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Post Office Box 1880, Bluffton, South Carolina by depositing same in the United States Post Office at Beaufort, South Carolina on July 1, 2015 with proper postage paid thereon.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of July, 2015

  
 Joanna Compton, Legal Assistant to  
 Thomas James Bell  
 Attorney for Defendant

  
 Notary Public for South Carolina  
 My Commission Expires: ~~06/26/2016~~  
 Aug 27, 2023



**COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

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July 1, 2015

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Notice of Intent to Appeal  
State vs. Jessie Clay Lavelle Smith

Enclosed please find the following documents:

1. Copy of Indictment(s)/ Sentencing Sheet(s)
2. Notice of Intent to Appeal/ Affidavit of Service
3. Affidavit from Defendant's Attorney, Thomas James Bell
4. Order of Appointment

If you require anything further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas James Bell  
Attorney for Defendant

JB/jcc  
Enclosures