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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF KERSHAW)
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THE STATE,)
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Respondent,)
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v.)
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CLIFTON D. COOKE)
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Appellant.)
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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

AFFIDAVIT

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PERSONALLY appeared before me, Clifton D. Cooke, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the appellant in the above captioned case.
2. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of my conviction, and that, because I am indigent, I am entitled to the assistance of an attorney from the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense. I have been informed that if I drop my direct appeal that I forever waive those issues that could be raised.
3. In light of the risks which have been explained to me by my lawyer, Tiffany Butler, Esq., it is my desire that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense drop the appeal formerly filed on my behalf.
4. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
5. I do not wish to appeal.

Clifton D. Cooke
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SWORN TO before me this 13th
day of July, 2015.

Standa... (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 1/20/2022



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Re: State v. Clifton D. Cooke

Dear Ms. Allen:

Mr. Cooke has decided to drop his appeal, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit. I have reviewed with him the consequences of dropping his direct appeal. Mr. Cooke has indicated to me that he understands the risks involved in dropping the appeal. In light of the risks which I have explained to Mr. Cooke, he wishes to drop the appeal formerly filed on his behalf.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Salley W. Elliott, Esquire of my client's decision. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tiffany L. Butler
Appellate Defender

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Enclosure

cc: Salley W. Elliott, Esquire
Clifton D. Cooke, #320091