

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM NEWBERRY COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No.: 15-GS-36-0269 and 15-GS-36-0270

The State Respondent,

v.

Derek Eugene Velasquez, Appellant.

MOTION OF APPELLANT
FOR LEAVE TO FILE APPEAL
OUT OF TIME

Appellant moves for leave of the Court of Appeals to file this appeal out of time, pursuant to SCRAP 203(d)(1)(B).

Defendant was convicted following his guilty plea to Trafficking in Cocaine and Cocaine Base, both second offense, on August 4, 2015 in Newberry County. He was sentenced to fifteen (15) years in prison.

Counsel for Appellant was contacted by telephone today, August 17, 2015, by Appellant's girlfriend, who indicated that Appellant desired to appeal his guilty pleas but has been unable to contact his attorney due to his incarceration in the state Department of Corrections. Counsel would note that Friday, August 14, 2015, would mark the tenth day deadline for appeal. The

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date of this motion/appeal is Monday, August 17, 2015.

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