

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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vs. )  
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Hikevian Dacquan Jones, )  
)  
Defendant. )  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
Indictment No(s): 2015-GS-32-1027

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**RULE 203(B) EXPLANATION**

Pursuant to Rule 203(B)(iv), the undersigned asserts that he does not have a good faith basis to believe that any issues are properly before the Court of Appeals, and the undersigned did not object to the sentence or file a motion to reconsider the sentence. Nevertheless, the undersigned consulted with the Appellant about his right to appeal, and after consultation, the undersigned has filed the instant appeal at the request of the Appellant because the Sixth Amendment requires counsel to follow the Appellant's request. See *Frazer v. South Carolina*, 430 F.3d 696, 706 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate on behalf of his client.'" (quoting *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967))).

Respectfully submitted,



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Re: Appeal

Dear Mr. Jones:

Enclosed is the paperwork for the appeal you asked me to file. Notice that this includes a document captioned Rule 203 Explanation. Court rules require counsel to inform the court whether or not they believe an appeal has merit when the appeal is from a guilty plea. I do not have a good faith basis to believe that your appeal has any contested legal issues. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that you will have to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing of any arguable basis on which to assert that there are legal issues preserved for appeal in your case. You can write the court at this address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 11629  
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Sincerely,

  
David M. Mauldin

enclosure

cc:

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