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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY
Court of General Sessions
Honorable Benjamin Culbertson, Presiding Judge

Appellate Case No. 2015-000958

State of South Carolina,

Respondent,

v.

Domenic Merino,

Appellant.

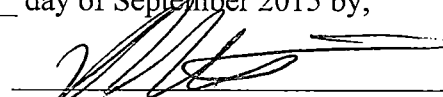
EXPLANATION OF ISSUE RAISED AFTER PLEA

Ralph Wilson, Jr., attorney for Appellant during his guilty plea ONLY provides the following explanation of issues raised during or after plea pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules for the filing of Notice of Appeal on behalf of Domenic Merino:

No issues were raised during the plea at issue in this appeal. The Appellant entered his plea under duress due to the totality of the circumstances depicted in Appellant's Factual Basis for Appeal and imminent trial facing life imprisonment. Following the Appellant's plea was sentencing by the Honorable Judge Benjamin H. Culbertson. The sentence of 22 years per charge concurrently was far harsher than the previous offer to plea. It is for the foregoing reasons the Appellant requested my office file the Notice of Intent to Appeal and subsequently respond to this court's requests.

Pursuant to the Attorney-Client Representation Agreement executed by Appellant and myself, I represented Appellant during the primary disposition of this matter only and it was specifically acknowledged by Appellant our representation did not include any appeals.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this ^{3rd} day of September 2015 by,


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The Honorable Tanya A. Gee
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
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RE: The State v. Domenic Merino
Appellant Case No. 2015-000958

Dear Ms. Gee:

Enclosed please find an Explanation of Issues Raised after Plea filed by plea attorney for Appellant regarding the above-referenced case.

Please note I have not been retained to represent on this appeal nor am I entering any appearance by way of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Encl: as stated

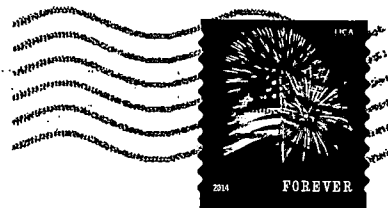
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