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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAL
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
FROM AIKEN COUNTY
THE HONORABLE DOYET A. EARLY, III
September 16, 2015
Indictment # 2015-GS-02-01501


THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA -- Respondent

VS.

Willie D. Morris Jr. - Appellant

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Willie D. Morris Jr., pled guilty and was convicted of Shoplifting 3rd or Subsequent on September 10, 2015 before the Honorable Doyet A. Early, III in Aiken, South Carolina. He appeals his conviction and sentence.


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Attorney for Defendant

Other Counsel of record is:

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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vs.)
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Willie D. Morris Jr.,)
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Defendant.)
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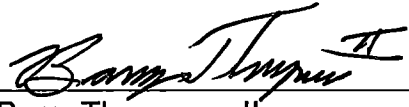
RULE 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(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.

The undersigned attorney consulted with the client and after consultation the client requested that an appeal be filed.

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 (4th 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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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Loretta Walker, do hereby certify that I have this day served the original of Appellate's Notice to Appeal upon the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and copies of Appellate's Notice of Intent to Appeal to the Clerk of Court of Aiken County, and to J. Strom Thurmond, Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit, by placing same in the United States Mail properly addressed and with correct postage affixed thereto:

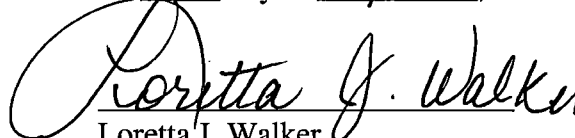
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Dated this 16th day of September, 2015



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RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAL
Willie D. Morris Jr.
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Dear Mrs. French:

Please find enclosed copies of Notice of Intent to Appeal, Indictments 2015-GS-02-01501, Arrest Warrant 2015A0220100776, defendant's affidavit of indigency, defendant's sentence sheets and the Rule 203(B) explanation.

Willie D. Morris Jr. pled guilty and was convicted of Shoplifting 3rd or Subsequent and was sentenced on September 10, 2015 before the Honorable Doyet A. Early, III. Ms. Bethanie P. Creppon served as the Court Reporter. Her address is P. O. Box 85411, Lexington, SC 29073.

I am available to discuss this case if you so desire.

Sincerely,


Barry Thompson II
Assistant Public Defender

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