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September 29, 2015.

The Honorable Jean H. Toal, Chief Justice,
The South Carolina Supreme Court,
Post Office Box 11330,
Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

RE: Fraud and Violation of Right to Full Bite of
Post Conviction Relief Apple.

Dear Chief Justice Toal:

In December of 2011, Judge Casey Manning issued an ORDER FOR PAYMENT of discovery fees to cover cost for the investigative services of Pete G. Skidmore, P.I., concerning Post Conviction Relief (P.C.R.) Case No. 2006-CP-6124.

Mr. Skidmore and I met on different occasions to discuss the status and findings of his investigation into matters concerning my Post Conviction Relief (P.C.R.) application. He informed me that he discovered evidence that could benefit me in receiving the relief I was seeking.

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After the dismissal of my Post Conviction (P.C.R.) application, I wrote Mr. Skidmore on two occasions to request my investigation file. He did not respond.

In April of 2014, I met with Ms. Blanchette, and at that meeting I informed her that I wrote Mr. Skidmore to request my investigation file, but he did not respond. Ms. Blanchette stated that Mr. Skidmore did not prepare an investigation file for my case.

In April of 2014, I wrote Mr. Skidmore a second request for my investigative file. He did not respond.

In May of 2014, I wrote Mr. Hugh Ryan, General Counsel for South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense (S.C.C.I.D.) to complain that Mr. Skidmore misused the State's funds, that he was paid to conduct a full investigation into my case. Mr. Ryan did not respond.

In July of 2015, I wrote Mr. Patten, Executive Director for S.C.C.I.D. to complain that Mr. Skidmore misused State funds that he was paid to conduct a full investigation into my case. Mr. Patten did not respond. I have enclosed a copy of that letter for your review.

S.C. Code of Laws, §40-18-70 states in pertinent part:
A private investigator licensed under the provisions of this chapter must provide to each client a written report accurately detailing results of an investigation. This requirement is satisfied if private investigator maintains in his files a waiver of written report signed by a client.

Justice Toal, I made it clear to Ms. Blanchette and Mr. Skidmore that at the conclusion of my Post Conviction Relief matter, I would want my copy the results of Mr. Skidmore's investigative report. I never signed nor did I consent to a written waiver of report. Therefore, Mr. Skidmore violated State law when he failed to complete and provide me with an investigative report.

When I met with Mr. Skidmore on different occasions, he informed me of information and evidence that he obtained from his investigation that could have significant impact on my Post Conviction Relief (P.C.R.) outcome.

The evidence I asked Mr. Skidmore to obtain, which he informed me that he did, was never presented at my Post Conviction Relief (P.C.R.) evidentiary hearing, and there is no record of it. Therefore, I did not receive a full bite of the Post Conviction Relief (P.C.R.) apple.

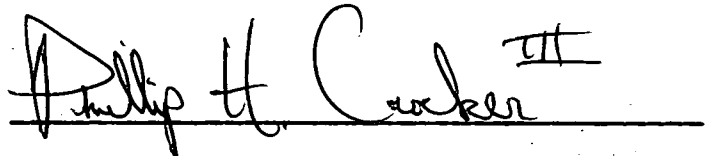
Furthermore, I truly feel that Mr. Skidmore has not only violated State laws in my case, but in other cases as well, by not completing investigative reports and billing the State for work that he did not perform. The bill Mr. Skidmore presented to the State in my case is inaccurate. (copy enclosed).

I request that a hearing be held to order a remedy for me not receiving a full bite of the P.C.R. apple, Due to Mr. Skidmore's above stated negligence and fraud. If possible, I would like to reconstruct Mr. Skidmore's investigation in a court of record.

Lastly, I request that an investigation/audit be conducted into Mr. Skidmore's lousiness and dealings with S.C.C.I.D. I am sure that it will reveal that Mr. Skidmore has been defrauding the State for years with the assistance from members of the South Carolina Bar.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. I patiently await your reply. If I can provide you with additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phillip H. Crocker" with "III" written above the end of the name. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Phillip H. Crocker, III, #298423.

cc: File.

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SCCID

Mr. T. Patton Adams, Executive Director
1330 Lady Street, Suite #401
Columbia, SC. 29201

Re: Report: Possible Fraudulent Activity by Private Investigator (**Pete Skidmore**)
Involving State Funds, Request for Investigation and Report.

Dear Mr. Patton,

Please take notice of the following afore mentioned matter.

1. In December 2011 Pete Skidmore, Private Investigator, was approved by the Honorable Casey Manning, Circuit Court Judge, to provide Investigative Service for me, Phillip H. Crocker III, in the matter of:
Phillip H. Crocker III vs State of South Carolina, Case No. 2006-CP-40-6124
2. Pete Skidmore was the agent of **Tricia A. Blanchette, Esquire** in the above case matter.
3. On or about January 17, 2014, Tricia A. Blanchette informed me that she instructed Pete Skidmore to serve a subpoena's on **Dora McDuffie and -----** to appear and testify at my Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) evidentiary hearing on January 21, 22, 23, and 2014. Pete Skidmore failed to serve the above stated subpoenas.
4. Pete Skidmore violated South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense...Investigator Policy 1 (f) when he failed to conform to the instructions of serving the above subpoenas
5. In or about October 2013 Pete Skidmore informed me that he traveled to Fashion's Barber School in Latta South Carolina to interview Lutherine Williams. Pete Skidmore further stated that Lutherine Williams became irate when he attempted to interview her, and she also threatened to harm him if ever attempted to interview her again.
6. **Pursuant to South Carolina Law** Pete Skidmore was required to report, to a law enforcement agency, the threats and obstructions of justice violations stated in **paragraph #5. By failing to report these violated State law and SCCID Investigator's Policy.**
7. In March of 2014 Pete Skidmore received a letter from me, via U.S. Postal Certified Return Receipt mail, requesting my complete investigative file. (See Attached Exhibit A)

8. In April of 2015, I mailed Pete Skidmore a second request to receive my complete investigative file. Pete Skidmore refused to sign for this letter. (See Attached Exhibit B)
9. In April of 2014, while at Broad River Correctional Institution, Tricia A. Blanchette, Esquire, informed me that Pete Skidmore did not keep an Investigative File of my case. Ms. Blanchette further stated "That Pete Skidmore don not keep Investigation files in any of his cases.
10. By not completing and turning over an Investigation file to me, Pete Skidmore violated S.C Code Ann£
By law Pete Skidmore was required to furnish me with a detailed written report of activities conducted, time spent, results of –the Investigation and an accounting for the expenditure of monies.
11. In May of 2014 I submitted a written complaint to Hugh Ryan, General Counsel, complaining of Pete Skidmore failure to keep a detailed written report of activities conducted, time spent, results of the investigation and true accounting for the expenditure of monies in my case. (See attached Exhibit C)
12. **Hugh Ryan has NEVER responded to Exhibit C**
Mr. Patton the above stated FACTS and attached Material Facts clearly proves that Pete Skidmore violated State Law and SCCID Investigator Policies, and possibly committed fraudulent activity involving State Funds.

Sir, I respectfully request that a full investigation be conducted into the above referenced matter. Additionally I request audit of all contacts between SCCID and Pete Skidmore.

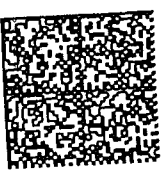
Mr. Patton, thank you in advance for your prompt professional Public Service in this matter. If I can provide you with additional information please contact me.

Respectfully Yours,

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