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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAL
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
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THE HONORABLE DOYET A. EARLY, III
September 24, 2015
Indictment # 2015-GS-02-01150, 2015-GS-02-01151


THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA -- Respondent

VS.

Stephen K. Thurmond - Appellant

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAL

Willie D. Morris Jr., pled guilty and was convicted of Possession of Firearm by felon & Involuntary Manslaughter on September, 17 2015 before the Honorable Tanya A. Gee in Aiken, South Carolina. He appeals his conviction and sentence.


Barry Thompson II
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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Steven K. Thurmond)
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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 24th day of September, 2015



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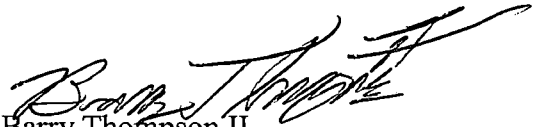
Dear Mrs. French:

Please find enclosed copies of Notice of Intent to Appeal, Indictments 2015-GS-02-01150 & 2015-GS-02-01151, Arrest Warrant 2015 A02 102 00474 & 2015 A02 102 00475, 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 Possession firearm by felon & Involuntary Manslaughter and was sentenced on September 17, 2015 before the Honorable Tanya A. Gee. Ms. Cheri Young served as the Court Reporter. Her address is P. O. Box 5232, Aiken, SC 29804.

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

Sincerely,

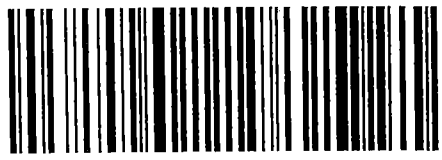

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