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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
S.C. Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: The State v. Morris Ray Peters

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The initial brief in the above case is due to be served and filed on April 29, 2016. However, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit, Mr. Peters has elected to drop his appeal. I have discussed in writing the consequences of dropping the appeal with Mr. Peters. As I am in agreement with this decision and his decision is knowing and voluntary, having discussed the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing the appeal, I would respectfully request that an Order Dismissing Appeal be issued.

By copy of this letter, I am informing J. Benjamin Aplin of the Office of the Attorney General of Mr. Peters's decision.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John H. Strom
Appellate Defender

JHS/css

Enclosure

cc: J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY)
THE STATE,)
RESPONDENT,)
v.)
MORRIS R. PETERS,)
APPELLANT,)
_____)

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PERSONALLY appeared before me, Morris R. Peters, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the appellant in the above-captioned case.
2. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of my conviction, and that, because I am indigent, I am entitled to the assistance of an attorney from the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense.
3. In light of the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense not file a brief on my behalf and to drop my appeal.
5. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
4. I do not wish to appeal.

Morris R. Peters
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SWORN TO before me this 5
day of April, 2016.

James C. Gaudin (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 9-21-2020

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