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May 13, 2016

Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk
South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
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Re: State vs. Shawn Christopher Hill
Appellate Case No. 2016-00698

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

I am sorry that my previous letter was unclear. (This is actually my first time having to deal with an appeal from a guilty plea in a non- *Anders* situation). I will try again. The rule cited requires a written explanation that there is an issue that can be reviewed.

1. Issue to be raised

The guilty plea was involuntary because the Defendant was not fully informed of the consequences.

2. Factual Basis

The Defendant was not fully informed of collateral consequences, specifically that sex offender registry would prevent him from having contact with his own children. The Defendant would not have plead guilty had he known this.

3. How the issue was raised below

It was not. The Defendant did not become aware of the problem until after the guilty plea.

4. Ruling of the Lower Court

No ruling as it was not raised.

5. Argument and Citation

Involuntary guilty pleas are not valid. (See *Boykin vs. Alabama* 395 US 328 (1969) and its progeny)

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew L. Walker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew L. Walker

Assistant Public Defender Colleton County

cc: Reed Evans

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