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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF CHESTER)
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THE STATE,)
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VS.)
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Anthony Reshun Jennings,)
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Defendant.)
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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA
COURT OF APPEALS

SC Court of Appeals

STATEMENT OF APPELLANT'S COUNSEL
REGARDING REQUEST FOR APPEAL
OF GUILTY PLEA

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Appellant's Statement of Facts

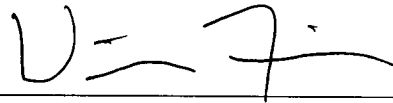
The defendant, Anthony Reshun Jennings, was charged with Burglary First Degree and Attempted Murder for an incident occurring in the early morning hours of August 17, 2015. The defendant is alleged to have kicked open the door of the apartment of the victim and had an altercation with the victim. During the altercation, it is alleged the defendant obtained a steak knife and stabbed the victim in the lower back with that knife. Part of the knife broke off and remained lodged in the back of the victim. At the scene, the victim gave a statement to law enforcement captured on the body camera of a responding officer naming the defendant as the person who attacked her. The victim also gave a subsequent written statement to law enforcement detailing her recollection of the event. Two of the victim's children gave videoed interviews with law enforcement detailing their observations of the event. Additionally, a fingerprint found on the knife allegedly used in this incident matched that of the defendant. The State was prepared to call this case for trial during the General Sessions term of Court in Chester County for the week of May 23, 2016.

The defendant, after consultation with his attorney, agreed to enter a plea of guilty pursuant to North Carolina v. Alford to the reduced charge of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and Burglary First Degree with a negotiated concurrent sentence of twenty years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. The Honorable W. Jeffrey Young accepted the Alford plea and the negotiations and sentenced the defendant to 20 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Issues on Appeal

Subsequent to his guilty plea, the defendant requested his counsel to file an appeal regarding this plea. Pursuant to Rule 203(b)(2) and(d) SCACR, defendant's counsel is filing this appeal.

However, after a review of the facts of this case and guilty plea, defendant's counsel finds the defendant's request for an appeal of these pleas to be without merit.



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