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Re: The State v. Robert Lee Miller, III
Appellate Case No. 2016-001482
Lower Court Case No. 2015GS0300050

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your notice of appeal, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02. Please

note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will not review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

In the notice of appeal, you appear to be indicating that your client has not been sentenced in this case. Further, the public case index for Allendale County does not reflect that a sentence has been imposed. Since a criminal defendant cannot appeal until sentenced,¹ I ask that you please explain what right your client has to appeal in this case. This explanation should be provided within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "D. S.", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Office of the Attorney General
Office of Appellate Defense
Sean Paul Thornton, Esquire

¹ *State v. Miller*, 289 S.C. 426, 346 S.E.2d 705 (1986); *Parsons v. State*, 289 S.C. 542, 347 S.E.2d 504 (1986); *State v. Washington*, 285 S.C. 457, 330 S.E.2d 289 (1985).