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Mr. Rion Marcel Beaty, #337153
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Re: Rion Beaty v. State
Appellate Case No. 2016-000492

Dear Mr. Beaty:

Regarding the claim that you were denied a direct appeal from your criminal convictions(s), your counsel has filed a brief under *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396, 18 L.E.2d 493 (1967), and asserts that there are no direct appeal issues of arguable merit. Counsel has advised this Court that a copy of the brief along with the petition for a writ of certiorari and appendix have been sent to you.

You may, within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter, file with this Court a *pro se* brief addressing any direct appeal issues you believe the Court should consider.

Very truly yours,

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cc: James Rutledge Johnson, Esquire
Lara Mary Caudy, Esquire