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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk of Court, SC Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
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RE: State of South Carolina v. Tiant A. Smith
Appellate Case No. 2016-001572

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find a Consent Order for Substitution of Counsel signed by all the parties involved in the above referenced matter. I have ordered a transcript from a hearing held on this client's Motion to Withdraw his Guilty Plea. I have obtained a copy of the written Motion to Withdraw filed in this matter as well as a copy of the Order issued by Judge John denying that motion. I already have a transcript from the Guilty Plea proceeding.

I anticipate the Court's directive for an explanation concerning why this direct appeal from a guilty plea should be allowed to go forward. I will need to review the transcript from the motion hearing before I will be in the position to accurately address that issue. I will advise the Court if I do not receive that transcript in time to meet the timeline set by the Court. For now, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.
Tara Dawn Shurling
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Enclosure

cc: J. Benjamin Aplin, Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
Dayne C. Phillips, Esquire
Tiant A. Smith, #367135