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September 1, 2016

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Efrain Rivera Matos SCDC #00369339  
DM# F1-164A  
Kirkland Correctional Institute  
4344 Broad River Road  
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: State vs. Efrain Rivera Matos  
Appellate Case No.: 2016-001717

As you are aware, I filed a Notice of Appeal on your behalf on August 17, 2016. After receiving your Notice of Appeal, the Court forwarded a letter to me and I have enclosed a copy of said letter for your review. The letter indicates that pursuant to Rule 203(d) (1) (B) (iv) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR) a criminal defendant that files a Notice of Appeal after entering a guilty plea must provide a written explanation showing that there is an issue which can be reviewed on appeal and this explanation should identify the issues to be raised on appeal and the factual basis for the issues including how the issues were raised and the ruling of the lower court and if an issue was not raised and ruled on by the lower court, the explanation shall include argument and citation to legal authority showing how this issue can be reviewed on appeal. Failure to comply with this requirement can result in the dismissal of your appeal.

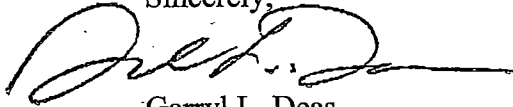
I submitted an explanation of issues to be raised on appeal on your behalf; however, the South Carolina Court of Appeals contacted me and informed me that the explanation I provided was not sufficient and that because you are appealing your guilty plea the explanation must include a specific factual and legal basis. I am not aware of any factual or legal basis for your appeal other than your belief that the trial of your case should have been continued because you fired your previous attorney and retained me one day prior to the day your case was called for trial. If you desire to proceed with your appeal and avoid its dismissal, you must submit a explanation detailing the basis for your appeal and the explanation must be submitted within ten (10) days from your receipt of this letter and you must forward said written explanation to The South Carolina Court of Appeals P.O. Box 11629 Columbia, SC 29211. If you do not send the written

explanation detailing your basis for appealing your guilty plea within ten (10) days from your receipt of this letter your appeal may be dismissed.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

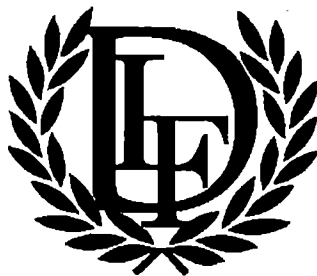
With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garryl L. Deas", written in a cursive style.

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Attn: Jenny Abbott Kitchings

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Pursuant to your instructions please find enclosed a copy of a letter I forwarded to Mr. Efrain Rivera Matos wherein I inform him of the requirement set forth under Rule 203 (d)(1)(B)(iv) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules which provides that a written explanation showing that there is an issue which can be reviewed on appeal must be submitted by him to the S.C. Court of Appeals if he intends to pursue the appeal of his guilty plea.

I would be most appreciative if you would inform me as to any further measures that should be taken to ensure that Mr. Matos's appellate rights are preserved.

Once again thanks for your assistance.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

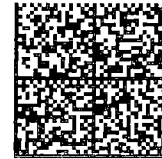
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