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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Shawn Bell v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2016-000889
Trial Court Case No. 2012-CP-33-894

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

On April 27, 2016, the State filed a notice of appeal in the above-captioned post-conviction relief case from a March 9, 2016 order from the Honorable Edgar W. Dickson.

After consultation within the Attorney General's Office and with the Twelfth Circuit Solicitor's Office, however, the State has opted to withdraw the notice of appeal in this case. The Twelfth Circuit Solicitor's Office has advised they wish for the defendant to enter a guilty plea and receive a time-served sentence in this case.

Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal motion to withdraw the appeal. Once this matter is dismissed, both the South Carolina Department of Corrections and the Solicitor's Office will be advised that arrangements should be made for transport of the defendant back to Florence County so that he can enter a guilty plea. If there are any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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