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The Honorable V. Claire Allen  
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RE: State of South Carolina, Respondent, vs. Antonio T. Pittman, Appellant  
Appellate Case Number: 2016-001682

Dear Ms. Allen:

I am sending this explanation in response to your request dated October 3, 2016, for the above referenced matter. First of all, please excuse the delay but our offices were closed from Tuesday afternoon, October 4, 2016 through Tuesday, October 11, 2016 due to Hurricane Matthew. In response to how the issue was raised below and ruled upon by the trial court, I offer the following. Upon the call of the case for trial by the state, I made a detailed motion for continuance which included all of the information in my original submission to the Court of Appeals. This motion was denied by the trial judge, which, as previously stated, left Mr. Pittman in a very untenable situation where he and I both agreed that he had no choice but to plea to the lesser charge and sentence rather than face trial for the more serious offense without the benefit of being able to present a defense.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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