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October 25, 2016

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
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Re: State of South Carolina v. Tiant Alphonso Smith
Lower Case Nos. 2014-GS-03429, 03635, 03637
Appellate Case No. 2016-001572

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I have been retained to perfect the direct appeal in the above-captioned case. Yesterday we received the transcripts of the guilty plea hearing and the hearing on the Motion to Withdraw Guilty Plea held in the Court of General Sessions. I would ask for fifteen days from that date, October 25, 2016, to file my explanation for this appeal as required by Rule 203 (d) (B) (iv) since this is a direct appeal from a guilty plea. By my calculation that would put this due on or before November 9, 2016. By copy of this letter, we are notifying opposing counsel. With my thanks for your kind attention, I am,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tara Dawn Shurling
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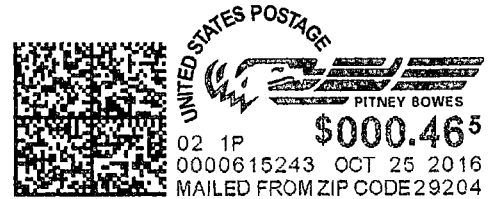
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