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Clerk of Court
Mr. Daniel Shearhouse
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Re: Exhibits In Support of Motion To Relieve
Counsel and Proceed Pro-Se. Case No. 2016-000500.

Dear Mr. Shearhouse:

I am submitting exhibits to support my previously filed Motion To Relieve Counsel, which was filed to this Honorable Court on December 14, 2016. This letter demonstrates the appellate lawyer will not pursue my other preserved issues and that she holds fast to this position.

I however, am adamant in my position that "I must protect my rights to a full review in the appellate process within the state court and on federal habeas review under the A.E.D.P.A.. I understand the magnitude of my request and I do not take this request lightly. I need this Court to understand that I am only asking for fairness in my process. Nothing more and nothing less, and if I have to achieve this in pro-se capacity, then so be it.

I am competent and literate enough to compose and articulate briefing requirement to demonstrate my legal and factual positions to this Honorable Court. I respectfully request you grant this motion to relieve counsel, and allow withdrawal of the appeal attorney's previously submitted brief on my behalf, to afford substitution with my Pro-Se brief composed by myself.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dear Mr. Watts:

I received your letter dated December 9, 2016, asking me to add issues to your petition for writ of certiorari. At this stage in the proceedings I cannot add issues to the petition. Please understand that the petition can only address issues that were addressed in the order of dismissal. The order addresses four issues: 1.) the failure to call Deputy Weldon Gregory as a witness (the issue presented in the petition); 2.) the failure to call Kamaleh Wilson as a witness; 3.) the failure to move to sever; and 4.) the failure to question jurors. In my opinion the other three issues would not have resulted in post-conviction relief in the form of a new trial. The issue raised in the petition is the only issue, in my opinion, that may result in relief. I hope this addresses your concerns.

Sincerely,

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