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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

**APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions**

The Honorable Roger Young, Presiding Judge

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RESPONDENT



vs.

CARLOS A. RUIZ, APPELLANT

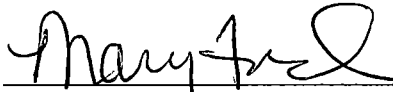
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Carlos A. Ruiz appeals his conviction(s) and sentence(s) following the jury trial held before the Honorable Roger Young, wherein he was found guilty and sentenced on January 13, 2017.



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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on Deborah Herring-Lash, Assistant Solicitor for Charleston County, by hand delivering a copy of it to the Charleston County Solicitor's Office at 101 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401, on January 18, 2017.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY HAND DELIVERY

I hereby certify that the Notice of Appeal regarding the case of:

STATE V. Carlos A. Ruiz

has been served on Debbie Brock of the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's

Office, in receipt for Deborah Herring- Lash, Assistant Solicitor for the Ninth Judicial
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February 3, 2017

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Re: State of South Carolina vs. Carlos A. Ruiz

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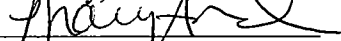
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed is the Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above-referenced case, a motion to file out of date, and the appropriate Proof of Service upon the Circuit Solicitor and Proof of Filing with the local Clerk of Court. The original documents were sent by our office on January 18, 2017, but your office never received them. I have included a copy of the original paperwork that was sent, and an email correspondence.

The Defendant-Appellant was represented by our office as an indigent, pursuant to the Defense of Indigents Act.

As proof of filing for my records, I would appreciate it if one of your Clerks would clock the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to me in the envelope I have provided. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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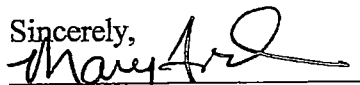
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed is the Notice of Intent to Appeal in the above-referenced case, together with appropriate Proof of Service upon the Circuit Solicitor and Proof of Filing with the local Clerk of Court. The Defendant-Appellant was represented by our office as an indigent, pursuant to the Defense of Indigents Act. By copy of this letter, I am forwarding a duplicate set of these documents to the South Carolina Commission of Appellate Defense.

As proof of filing for my records, I would appreciate it if one of your Clerks would clock the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to me in the envelope I have provided. Thank you.

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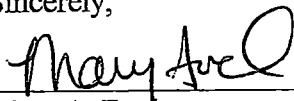
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed herein is a duplicate set of the Appeal papers, which I have forwarded to the Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals concerning the above-subject defendant. This defendant was represented by our office as an indigent, pursuant to the Defense of Indigents Act. It is requested that your office assume the Appeal of this case.

The name of the Court Reporter is: Amanda K. Haffenden Post Office Box 424 Summerville, South Carolina 29484. I have enclosed documents usually requested by your office. If I can be of assistance by discussing this case with you, please do not hesitate to call.

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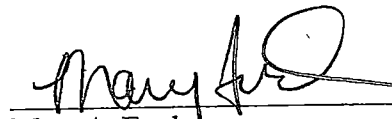
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