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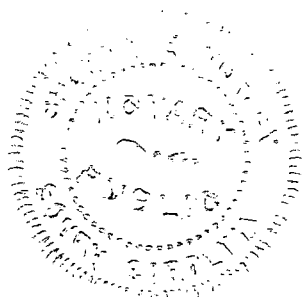
Re: Exhibits to Support of Motion to Relieve
Counsel and Proceed Pro-se. Case #2016-000500

Dear Mr. Shearhouse

I am submitting exhibits to support my previously filed Motion to Relieve Counsel and to Proceed Pro-se on the Writ of Certiorari which was filed to this Honorable Court on December 14, 2016. This letter demonstrate the appellate lawyer still will not pursue my other preserved issue, which are issues that all falls under the Strickland v. Washington case law and which makes all of them actually federalized claims which she claimed is not. I've responded to her last letter asking her to get in touch with you herself and to inform you that it is prudent to allow me to proceed pro-se on my own counsel so I can raise preserved, federalized and non-frivolous issues. In these letters you will see how the appellate attorney still trying to lead me down the wrong path, I must and will protect my rights to a full review in this appellate process within the State court. So can you please send me the paperwork waiver to relieve counsel and withdrawl of the appeal attorney's previously submitted brief on my behalf. I've tried but this evidence shows you that we're not going to see eye to eye in this matter and our working relationship has deteriorated to a non-existent client-attorney relationship. I ask that you please honor your commitment to protect the due process rights of all South Carolina litigants, especially my due process rights at this point in time and in this circumstance. I am only seeking my one full bite of the apple, nothing more and nothing less.

Date: Feb. 10, 2017

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February 1, 2017

Re: STATE v. Taurus Watts #324820

Dear Ms. Hudgins,

I've taken under advisement your assessment that I could potentially raise a Martinez v. Ryan claim against you in federal habeas corpus for your decision to not raise the appellate issues on the State petition for writ certiorari. I've determined that such an allegation would be fruitless and prohibited the federal case laws. In fact, I've found three (3) federal cases that expressly prohibit a federal habeas petitioner from alleging a Martinez claim against the appellate counsel from the initial-collateral relief proceedings. These are: Johnson v. Cartledge, 2014 WL 1159591 (U.S. Dist. Cir. 2014); Johnson v. Warden of Broad River Corr. Inst., 2013 WL 856731 (4th Cir. Ct. of Appeals 2013); and Arnold v. Dormire, 675 F.3d. 1082 (8th Cir. Ct. of Appeals 2012).

I don't appreciate you trying to misguide me and misdirect me, you should not attempt this again. I ask that you contact the S.C. Supreme Court and tell them you agree that I should be granted pro-se status on this case and be allowed to pursue and brief my issues accordingly, You and I have come to a crossroads and our client-attorney relationship has decay into irreconcilable difference in how to proceed in my case. This is my case and this my life and I will not allow you to set me at a disadvantage when I have issues which are support in law. You are completely wrong in your assessment that my issues do not raise federal Constitutional issues. Each of the issues I have alleged are ineffective assistance of counsel under Strickland v. Washington, Strickland is U.S. Supreme Court precedent which guidelines the Constitutional right to effective assistance of counsel- these are squarely federalized claims rooted in the

FIFTH, SIXTH and FOURTEENTH Amendments. These claims are ripe for federal review if they are raised in the writ of certiorari, which they are currently not because of your opinions and actions. You and I will not meet at the mind and it will be in accordance with due process to remove yourself and urge the S.C. Supreme Court to allow me to proceed pro-se on this case, anything otherwise will be violating my due process and I will not allow this.

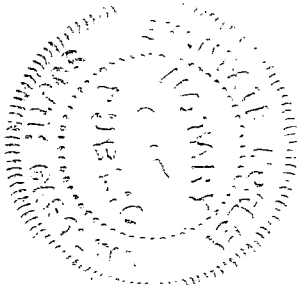
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Mr. Taurus Watts, #324820
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Dear Mr. Watts:

I received your letter asking, in the event the state appellate court does not grant post-conviction relief, if you will be able to raise the three issues that were not raised in the state petition for writ of certiorari in a federal petition for habeas corpus. Based on my understanding of federal habeas corpus actions, you will not be able to raise those issues not raised in the state petition for writ of certiorari. I understand that you wish to do all you can to have the conviction reversed. As I explained, however, in the previous letter, I did not raise the other three issues because I did not believe the issues would result in relief in state court. These issues, in my opinion, do not raise federal constitutional issues and would not result in relief in the federal court either. If I am incorrect, you may be able to allege that I was ineffective and raise the claims in a federal habeas petition pursuant to Martinez v. Ryan, 132 S. Ct. 1309, 1313, 182 L. Ed. 2d 272 (2012). I hope this addresses your concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathrine H. Hudgins
Appellate Defender

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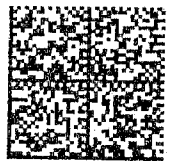
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