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In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2017-GS-3200851

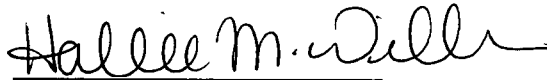
The State,.....Respondent,

v.

Virgil A. Bates.....Appellant.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on Sutania Radlein, by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on March 22, 2017, addressed to Sutania Radlein, Assistant Solicitor, 205 East Main Street, Lexington, SC 29072.



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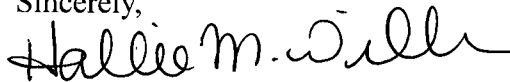
Re: **The State vs. Virgil A Bates (Notice of Appeal)**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I have enclosed an original and one copy of the Notice to Appeal in the above matter for filing in your office. Please file the original and return the date/time stamped copy to me in the envelope provided.

I am, by copy of this letter, serving a copy of this Notice to Appeal on Assistant Solicitor Sutania Radlein and Chief Appellate Defender Robert Dudek, together with my Certificate of Service. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Hallie M. Willm  
Assistant Public Defender

enclosures

cc: Sutania Radlein, Assistant Solicitor  
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Robert M. Dudek, Chief Appellate Defender  
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Virgil A. Bates  
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Dear Mr. Bates:

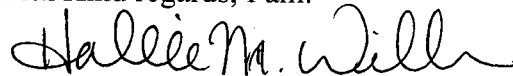
Please find enclosed a copy of the notice of appeal filed on your behalf in this case. The notice of appeal was served on the solicitor on March 22, 2017. At this point, I no longer represent you. The South Carolina Commission of Indigent Defense Division of Appellate Defense will handle your appeal. Any future questions you may have will need to be directed to their office.

As we discussed following your plea, I do not know of any legal basis for an appeal of the sentence imposed on March 14, 2017. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that you have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing of any arguable basis on which to assert that there are issues preserved for appeal in your case.

You can write the court at this address:

**South Carolina Court of Appeals**  
**P. O. Box 11629**  
**Columbia, SC 29211**

With Kind regards, I am.

  
Hallie M. Willm

Enclosure

Cc: Jenny Kitchings, Clerk of Court  
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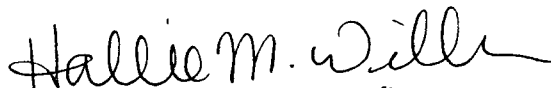
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RE: The State v. Virgil A. Bates (Notice of Appeal)  
Case No. 2017-GS3200851

Dear Mrs. Comer:

Enclosed for filing is a notice of appeal in the above case.

Sincerely,



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