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March 23, 2017

Mr. Reginald Bernard Smith
Inmate Number 00086125
Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center
4344 Broad River Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed are copies of the following for the appeal of your guilty plea:

- Form 9 dated February 21, 2017
- Form 4 dated February 21, 2017
- Form 7 dated February 21, 2017
- Form 8 dated February 21, 2017
- Form 8 dated March 10, 2107
- Form 9 dated March 10, 2017
- Form 7 dated March 10, 2017
- Form 4 dated March 10, 2017
- Sentencing sheets dated February 10, 2017
- Letter from the South Carolina Court of Appeals dated March 15, 2017
- Letter to Office of Appellate Defense dated March 23, 2017
- Affidavit of Indigency

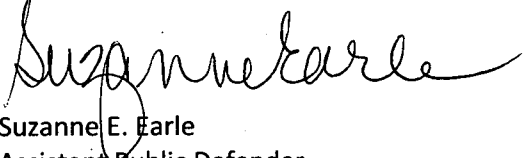
The Affidavit of Indigency is for you to complete for the Office of Appellate Defense, 1330 Lady Street, Suite 401, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, so that they can handle your appeal. The letter from the South Carolina Court of Appeals explains what you need to do in order to continue this appeal.

You have twenty (20) days to inform the Court of Appeals in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. The address is South Carolina Court of Appeals, Post Office Box 11629, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

I also have sent copies of everything to the Office of Appellate Defense on your behalf, asking that they assist you with this appeal.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this appeal.

Sincerely,

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Suzanne E. Earle
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Office of Appellate Defense
1330 Lady Street
Suite 401
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

re: The State, Respondent, v. Reginald Bernard Smith, Appellant
Appellate Case No. 2017-000510

Dear Appellate Defense:

I represented Mr. Smith at trial and his guilty plea and have filed a notice of appeal. Enclosed are copies of the following for your office so that the Office of Appellate Defense can take over this appeal:

- Form 9 dated February 21, 2017
- Form 4 dated February 21, 2017
- Form 7 dated February 21, 2017
- Form 8 dated February 21, 2017
- Form 8 dated March 10, 2107
- Form 9 dated March 10, 2017
- Form 7 dated March 10, 2017
- Form 4 dated March 10, 2017
- Sentencing sheets dated February 10, 2017
- Letter to Appellant dated March 23, 2017

Mr. Smith's case was called for trial on February 06, 2017, with the Hon. R. Scott Sprouse presiding. The prosecuting attorney was Bethany A. Blundy, and the court reported was Steve LeBlanc.

On Monday jury selection was held, and a Batson motion was made as well as an objection to the composition of the jury panel. Both motions were denied. A motion to suppress evidence was made, testimony taken, and the motion was denied. Mr. Smith then attempted to enter a guilty plea, but Judge Sprouse rejected his plea when Mr. Smith admitted using crack cocaine prior to court. On

Tuesday Judge Sprouse declared a mistrial in the case due to Mr. Smith's admission to the use of drugs and being under the influence during the jury selection and motion hearings.

Mr. Smith was allowed to plead guilty later in the week after the judge determined he was no longer under the influence of drugs.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this appeal or if I can provide you with any further information. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Suzanne E. Earle
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Ms. V. Claire Allen
Deputy Clerk
South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Reginald B. Smith
Appellate Case No. 2017-000510

Dear Ms. Allen:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Smith regarding his appeal and notice that he has twenty (20) days to notify the Court of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter to the Office of Appellate Defense requesting that they handle this appeal on behalf of Mr. Smith.

Sincerely,


Suzanne E. Earle
Assistant Public Defender

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The State v. Reginald B. Smith

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