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March 17, 2017

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Re: The State v. Ronnie M. Drake  
Appellate Case No. 2016-002529

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your explanation for appealing.

Please forward your explanation to your client, along with a statement that your client has twenty (20) days from the date of your transmittal letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please provide your client with the Court's address:

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

Please send your letter to your client within ten (10) days, with a copy to this Court.

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Very truly yours,

  
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cc: Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire  
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March 23, 2017

**SENT VIA CERTIFIED & FIRST CLASS MAIL**  
**Article No. 7016 1370 0001 3789 8085**

Ronnie Drake SCDC#318461  
F1-1140-B  
Lee Correctional Institution  
990 Wisacky Hwy  
Bishopville, SC 29010

Re: *State of South Carolina v. Ronnie Mickell Drake*  
Appellate Case No. 2016-002529

Dear Mr. Drake:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence from my office to the South Carolina Court of Appeals dated February 23, 2017 regarding the above-referenced matter explaining that I, as your attorney, do not believe there exists any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal in your case, which was a guilty plea.

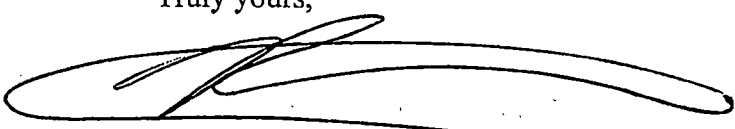
Also enclosed is a copy of the South Carolina Court of Appeals' response dated March 17, 2017 instructing that I forward the above correspondence to you and inform you that **you have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the Court of Appeals, in writing, of any arguable basis you believe exists that there are issues preserved for appeal in your case.**

It is very important that you respond within the afore-stated time frame to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. **Your response must be mailed to:**

South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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With kind regards, I am

Truly yours,

  
Ralph J. Wilson, Sr. Esq.

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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State of South Carolina v. Ronnie Mickell Drake  
Appellate Case No. 2016-002529

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am in receipt of the correspondence from your office requiring "a written explanation showing that there is an issue which can be reviewed on appeal". As stated in the Amended Notice of Appeal, there are no apparent issues which can be reviewed on appeal and I simply filed at the request of the Defendant.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With kind regards, I am

Very Truly Yours,

Ralph J. Wilson, Sr., Esquire

cc: John C. Jupertinger, Deputy Solicitor  
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