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Mr. Willie J. Palmer, #316284
Wateree River Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 189
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RE: *Willie J. Palmer, III, v. State*, 2016CP4203561

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Enclosed is an order dismissing your *pro se* notice of appeal.

Regarding your letter and request for production, no action will be taken on these documents for two reasons. First, this Court cannot consider these *ex parte* communications.

Second, you are currently represented by counsel in the above post-conviction relief case. Therefore, to the extent that these documents may be seeking any relief from this Court relating to that case or the underlying criminal case, they cannot be accepted for filing. *Miller v. State*, 388 S.C. 347, 697 S.E.2d 527 (2010); *Jones v. State*, 348 S.C. 13, 558 S.E.2d 517 (2002); *State v. Stuckey*, 333 S.C. 56, 508 S.E.2d 564 (1998); *Foster v. State*, 298 S.C. 306, 379 S.E.2d 907 (1989). Instead, if it is appropriate to seek relief from this Court,¹ that request will have to be made

¹ As a general rule, relief must be sought in the lower court rather than in this Court. Rule 245 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

by your counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Shearouse', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel E. Shearouse

Enclosure

cc: Rodney Wade Richey, Esquire (with copy of notice of appeal, order dismissing notice of appeal, pro se letter and request for production)
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