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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 At this point, I no longer represent you.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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