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* Re * The State v. Lawrence Barrow, Jr.

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Dear Court,

as my attorney failed to explain due to total lack of communication between himself and I, my issue lies not with my sentence but with the charges for which I was sentenced.

You see, on or about April 10th, 2017 my attorney Richard H. Warder presented to me a plea agreement consisting of an up to 5 year maximum sentence.

The agreement was if I plead to (1) charge of PWID

Marijuana (1st) offense + Non-Violent and (1) charge of

Possession of controlled substance (1st) offense + Non-Violent

my other charges would be dismissed. I agreed and

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returned to Mr. Warder's office the following day and signed the sentencing sheets. The warrant numbers ended in *(00039) and (00040). However, when I went before Hon. J. Cordell Maddox on April 20th, 2017 the Solicitor Lindsey Simmons said I was there to be sentenced on Distribution of Marijuana (X2).

I did not realize at the time that I was being sentenced for charges other than what I had agreed to in my attorney's office. I never signed a plea agreement to distribution (X2) or even discussed this with my attorney. The warrant numbers were even different as they added in (00045) and (00046) I feel as though an error has been made since

I was sentenced based on sentencing sheets

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of which I had no knowledge of before hand, and to charges which were supposed to have been dismissed according to my plea agreement. I have requested copies of my plea agreement from my attorney so that I can prove that I was sentenced to the wrong charges but have yet to receive them. I have also written to the clerk of court of Oconee county, SC. requesting copies of the court transcripts, as well as the sentencing sheets for the distribution (x 2) so that I can show the error made. I'm not sure what difference if any all of this will make but I do think that the error in my case should be at the least investigated as I was unaware of the differences in the charges until after I had been sentenced and I believe that possession

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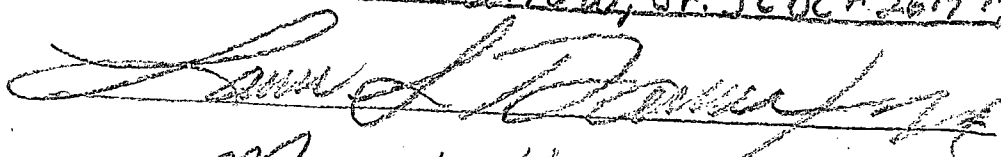
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With intent to distribute (1st) offense and possession of controlled
Substance (1st) offense would be viewed as lesser offenses
when compared to Distribution of Marijuana (2)
in the eyes of the court, and would have perhaps led to a lesser sentence

I greatly appreciate your consideration and
any help in the clarification of this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Lawrence S. Barrow, Jr. SCDC #261474



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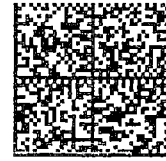
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