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To whom it may concern:

I Patrick Whitlock am writing in regards to a letter I received from my attorney Daniel D. Kienker on May 12, 2017. In said letter I was informed to write the Court of Appeals no later than twenty (20) days of any arguable basis so that I may preserve these issues for Appeal.

The issues I would like to present to the Court of Appeals are as followed:

a.) Ineffective counsel

b.) Mental Health

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In regards to the aforementioned section (a) on March 21, 2017 after being detained for twenty-one (21) months I was informed through my attorney that the removal of life without parole was all I was entitled to receive from the State.

On the same day March 21, 2017 I inquired about a plea agreement with the State, which my attorney told me there wasn't one on the table. I furthered asked if he would be able to procure one and I was informed that with the removal of life without parole was the best I would receive.

I know and understand that each case within South Carolina differs and that no one (1) case is alike. In State v. Antonio Boatright; (sentenced February 23, 2017) a convicted murder, who was presently being detained with the charges of attempted murder was offered a plea agreement of eleven (11) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

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Futhermore, I was informed through witness Dominique Sinclair, after my conviction that a fax was sent to my attorney stating my mental capacity at the time before the crime and the fact that my drink was drugged. My attorney never presented this to me nor thought it necessary to present it to the courts or mental health professionals.

I also believe if proper time was spent on the case, all facts and discoveries could have been expounded upon properly and to the correct personnel.

Finally, in regards to section (b) I was informed by my attorney not to mention my mental illness which was a vital factor leading to my incarceration.

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With respects to section (b) on June 14, 2016 I was adjudicated not competent to stand trial, but likely to restore in the foreseeable future. And on November 14, 2016 I was admitted into Bryan Psychiatric Hospital (BPH) Forensics.

While housed at Bryan Psychiatric Hospital (BPH) Forensics due to ill-advised treatment and denial of medication I informed my mother Aletha Whitlock to call Patient's Rights on Counselor Barbara Kelly and Marilee Griswold, M.D. After, which I was considered a "coach" of creating symptoms to avoid going to jail. I asked for a second opinion on the mental evaluation because I continue to hear voices and see objects. A second evaluation was denied by my attorney.

It is in my humblest belief that had Patient's Rights not become involved in the Competency evaluation I would have received proper treatment and my required medication. Once, I returned to Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center on January 4, 2017 my Psychiatrist placed me on Halodol and Wells-burtin, for hearing voices and seeing objects.

In addition, during the sentencing phase of my conviction, Hon. Judge Jean Hoefler Toal commented on the type of medication I am currently taking for my mental illness.

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It is with my humblest intentions that I submit these arguable basis to be preserved for Appeal. I kindly ask for the mercy of the Court to be considered for Appeal due to sections (a) and (b). I also pray that I find favor in the eyes of the Judge.

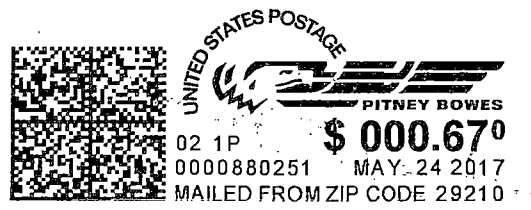
I Patrick Whitlock swore upon this 24th day of May 2017 that everything written in this letter is of the truth and best knowledge relating to both sections (a) and (b).

Respectfully Submitted,
s/ Patrick Whitlock
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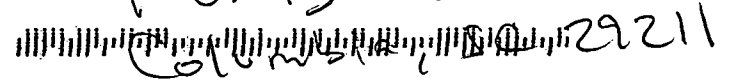
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