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To: South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State v. Nathaniel Antron Hunter (Notice of Appeal)

Case No. 2014-65-32-03687-89, 2014-65-03690

This letter is to inform you about the issues preserved for appeal in my case. I was found guilty on April 28, 2017 in a jury trial and before my trial even started the Solicitor's office struck every black juror and deprived me of a right to a fair trial by a jury of my peers. Also, in Solicitor Robert McNair's opening statements he mentioned photographs that were inadmissible during the trial to the jury and that made the jury prejudiced against me. My co-counsel Dayne Phillips argued that because of that statement we should be granted a mistrial which was denied by the judge. My Motion to Suppress DNA was also denied, but the fact that we could not cross-examine Investigator Charles Bramlett due to his death and prove that the Chain of Custody didn't have a confrontation resulted in my guilty conviction.

That was the only physical evidence presented during my trial, the prosecution also didn't present two witnesses that handled the evidence to ensure that the evidence wasn't contaminated or tainted. The only piece of evidence that connects me to the crime was not documented or photographed like all the other evidence from the crime scene. The evidence that tied me to the crime was not mentioned until 24 hours later and it should have been on the first evidence log-in sheet and it wasn't. My attorneys also asked for a Motion for Continuance to be granted so we could hire our own experts to prove my innocence and to discredit the Solicitor's witnesses, but it was also denied. The jury also told the judge that they were worried that the trial would last for more than 5 days and I feel that they rushed to judgement because of how much evidence they were supposed to review, but they deliberated for only two hours and came back with a guilty verdict. I also had other issues in which we moved for a mistrial and they were also denied (see trial transcript).

My cousin Tanisha Taylor mentioned a news story on TV that was the same story that I was arrested for, but it was a Discovery Violation since it was never mentioned in the original statement that she gave to investigators. That was also prejudice considering the jury heard that testimony and our cross-examination of her was unprepared for that statement. Investigator's recorded the victim's statement and Tanisha Taylor's statement, but they never recorded my statement when I denied having anything to do with this crime, however they testified that I didn't admit or deny the allegations of this crime. Therefore, I ask the South Carolina Court of Appeals to overturn and dismiss the charges that I was convicted of due to the insufficient DNA evidence and all other issues preserved for appeal in my case. Lastly, the Grand Jury indicted me 8 months after I was arrested without a preliminary hearing, but they have 180 days to indict a defendant and they did not indict me before the deadline which is a violation of my Constitutional Rights. My 4th, 5th, 6th and

14th amendment rights were also violated during my trial, but those were also respectfully denied by Judge Thomas W. Cooper Jr. When the appellate court reviews the transcript from my trial it will show the case laws we argued as well as the Constitutional Rights that were violated. From my experience at my trial, I don't feel like I will get a fair trial and that is why I ask the Court of Appeals for a reversal and dismissal of my charges. Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

Date

May 23, 2017

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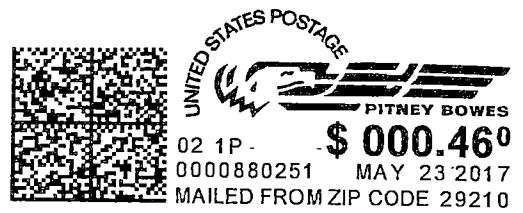
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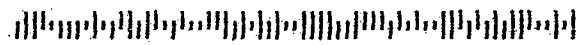
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