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Re: Dwayne Starks v. State  
Appellate Case No. 2017-001731  
Lower Court Case No. 2015CP0100165

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed is a *pro se* notice of appeal that your client has filed with this Court. Since it appears that you were his counsel before the circuit court, I remind you that you remain his counsel of record before this Court under Rule 71.1(g) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure (SCRCP).

This case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at [www.sccourts.org/courtreg](http://www.sccourts.org/courtreg). Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at [www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02](http://www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02). Please note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will not review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

For this matter to proceed, you will need to provide the following within ten (10) days of the date of this letter:

- (1) A proof of service showing that a copy of the notice of appeal has been served on counsel for the State as required by Rules 243(b) and 203(d)(1)(B)(i), SCACR, and,
- (2) A statement as to the date on which you received written notice of entry of the order dated June 16, 2017. *See* Rule 203(e)(1)(C), SCACR.

Finally, the public case index for Abbeville County appears to indicate that a post-trial motion under Rule 52 or 59, SCRCPP, may be pending before the circuit court. If this is the case, then I ask you to please advise this Court if the *pro se* notice of appeal should be dismissed without prejudice under *Hudson v. Hudson*, 290 S.C. 215, 349 S.E.2d 341 (1986). This response should be provided within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

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Enclosure

cc: Justin James Hunter, Esquire  
Mr. Dwayne Eddie Starks, 253926