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In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM LAURENS COUNTY

Court of General Sessions

Frank R. Addy, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2017-001889

**SC Court of Appeals**

The State, ..... Respondent

v.

Wesley David Rouse, ..... Appellant.

Mr. Wesley David Rouse appeals his convictions and sentence in this case. The sentences were imposed by the Honorable Frank R. Addy, Jr., on August 30, 2017.

This is an appeal of a guilty plea filed pursuant to *Weathers v. State*, 319 S.C. 59, 459 S.E.2d 838 (1995) (Trial counsel has a duty to file a notice of appeal when client inquires about right to appeal and requests an appeal). Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), SCACR, however, counsel is unable to provide "a written explanation showing that there is an issue which can be reviewed on appeal."

Sincerely,



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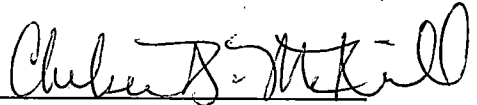
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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal and the explanation of any issue for review on appeal on the State of South Carolina by personally delivering a copy of the same to the Office of the Solicitor for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, at the Laurens County Courthouse, 100 Hillcrest Drive Laurens, South Carolina 29360, on the date reflected below.

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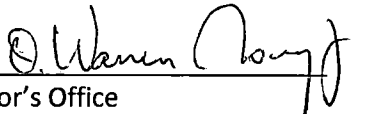
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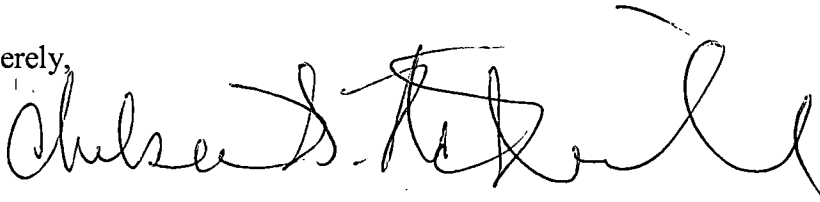
September 28, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept the attached response for the above captioned matter, despite it being delivered late. I was in a busy General Sessions court term in Laurens County, the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and did not receive the letter addressed to me, dated September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 until Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. I then had to attend our annual Public Defender's Conference Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. I did call and speak to someone, in hopes of being able to e-file it but was informed that e-filing is not possible. I am therefore mailing this response today, which is the earliest I am able to mail my response in. I am respectfully requesting that you accept this response on behalf of Mr. Wesley David Rouse, Appellate Case No. 2017-001889.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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