

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)
THE STATE,)
RESPONDENT,)
v.)
WILLIAM CRAIG CAUGHMAN,)
APPELLANT,)

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA
COURT OF APPEALS

APPELLATE CASE NO.: 2015-001867

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PERSONALLY appeared before me, WILLIAM CRAIG CAUGHMAN, who being duly sworn,
deposes and says:

1. I am the appellant in the above-captioned case.
2. I was indicted by the Lexington County Grand Jury on May 6, 2013 for one count of hit and run resulting in death. I was tried on May 20-23, 2013, before the Honorable Clifton Newman and a jury. I was found guilty and Judge Newman sentenced me to twenty years of imprisonment.
3. I filed a timely notice of appeal. I was approved for representation by the Office of Appellate Defense. Appellate Defender John Strom was appointed to represent me. Following repeated requests for the trial transcript, Court Reporter Harriet P. Bennett produced a transcript with multiple portions of the trial noted as either inaudible or not transcribed.
4. On June 17, 2016, Counsel Strom filed a motion to hold the appeal in abeyance and motion to remand for reconstruction of the record. On August 11, 2016, the Court of Appeals remanded the case to Judge Newman for reconstruction.
5. Reconstruction hearings were held on September 16, 2016 and May 1, 2017. Following the hearings, Judge Newman determined that the missing portions of the record could be reconstructed so as to allow for meaningful appellate review. On May 26, 2017, Judge Newman

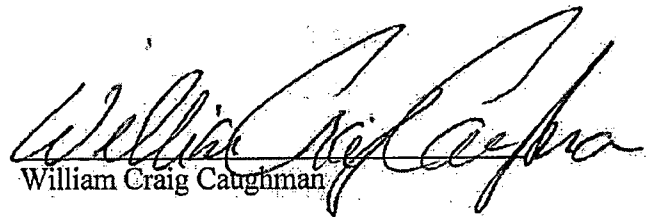
issued a written order to that effect. Counsel Strom filed a timely notice of appeal.

6. I understand that Judge Newman has determined that the missing portions of the trial record can be adequately reconstructed so as to allow for meaningful appellate review. I understand that I have a right to appeal Judge Newman's determination. I further understand that the direct appeal of my conviction would be held in abeyance during the appeal of the reconstruction.


7. After discussion with counsel, I do not wish to appeal the reconstruction. I have been informed that if I drop the appeal of the reconstruction that I forever waive those issues that could be raised regarding the adequacy of my trial transcript.

8. In light of the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire not to appeal the reconstruction of the record. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.

9. I do not wish to appeal Judge Newman's determination that the trial record was adequately reconstructed so as to allow for meaningful appellate review of my convictions.


William Craig Caughman

SWORN TO before me this 18
day of August, 2017.



(L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 9/16/2026

