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Re: The State v. Simpson, Justin Eugene
Appellate Case No. 2012-212627

Dear Court of Appeals,

I was advised that I had 20 days to inform the court in writing of any arguable basis for appeal. I have a few issues which I feel should grant me a reason for an appeal. I don't have any legal training therefore I don't know the correct terminology but I'm giving you the things I feel were wrongly handled in my case.

The first is ineffective counsel, and the following are some of the reasons for that. Even though I was under the outpatient care of a mental health facility in Colleton County and prescribed psychiatric medications at the time of the alleged crime, I was never given a mental evaluation after I was incarcerated or before I was sentenced. I was never given a bond for my charges even though both I and the alleged victim asked and pushed for it. During my incarceration as I was planning and preparing to take the case to trial, I repeatedly asked

for and requested my motion of discovery but my public defender only sent me 8 insignificant pages of the officers report for when they arrested me, nothing actually to do with the charges themselves.

Also the prosecution used intimidating tactics to try and force the victim to testify against me. The investigating officer Det. Christi Green wrote the supposed statement herself then threatened to take the victims children away and place them in DSS custody unless she cooperated. My public defender knew this himself as the victim came to him and told him all this in hopes he could help or put a stop to it, yet he did nothing.

I honestly feel like my case was mishandled from start to finish and because of that I was afraid to take my case to trial and lose. That is why I pled guilty and decided to seek relief in a higher court. Not one ruled by the "Good Old Boys". Thank you for your time and help.

Respectfully Submitted,

