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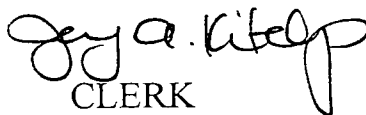
Re: Matthew T. Pickens, Jr. v. The State
Appellate Case No. 2017-001687

Dear Mr. Pickens:

Your counsel has filed a brief indicating that this appeal is without merit and moves to be relieved as your counsel. *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396, 18 L.E.2d 493 (1967). The records in this office reflect counsel has served you with a copy of the brief and record on appeal.

You may, within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter, file with this Court a *pro se* brief addressing any issues you believe the Court should consider in this appeal. Upon receipt of your *pro se* brief or the expiration of forty-five (45) days, this appeal will be submitted to the Court for its consideration.

Very truly yours,


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