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Mr. Bernard McFadden #199135
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Re: Bernard McFadden v. State
Appellate Case No. 2016-002319

Dear Mr. McFadden:

As you know, your counsel has filed a petition for a writ of certiorari asserting that you are entitled to a belated direct appeal from your criminal conviction. Regarding the direct appeal issues, your counsel has filed a brief indicating that any direct appeal issues are without merit and moves to be relieved as your counsel under *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 petition for a writ of certiorari, appendix and *Anders* brief.

You may, within forty-five (45) days of the date of this letter, file with this Court a *pro se* brief addressing any direct appeal issues you believe the Court should consider in this case. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: Julie Amanda Coleman, Esquire
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