

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

COUNTY OF YORK

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT

v.

TERRY LASHAWN HOOPER

APPELLANT

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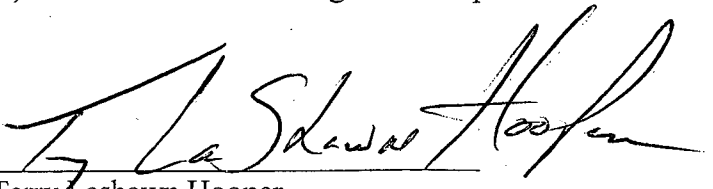
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PERSONALLY appeared before me, Terry Lashawn Hooper who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the appellant in the above captioned case.
2. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of my conviction, and that, because I am indigent, I am entitled to the assistance of an attorney from the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense. I have been informed that if I drop my direct appeal that I forever waive those issues that could be raised.
3. In light of the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense drop the appeal formerly filed on my behalf.
4. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
5. I do not wish to appeal.


 Terry Lashawn Hooper

SWORN TO before me this day of 23rd March 2018

 (L.S.)
 Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: May 15, 2023

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Re: The State v. Terry Lashawn Hooper
Appellate Case No. 2017-000622

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

As evidenced by the enclosed affidavit, Mr. Hooper has elected to drop his appeal. I have discussed the consequences of dropping the appeal with Mr. Hooper. Because Mr. Hooper's decision to drop his direct appeal is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary after thoroughly discussing the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a direct appeal, I respectfully request that the Court issue an order dismissing Mr. Hooper's appeal.

By copy of this letter, I am informing J. Benjamin Aplin of the Office of the Attorney General of Mr. Hooper's decision.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

LaNelle Cahtey DuRant
Appellate Defender

LCD/lms

Enclosure

cc: J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire
Terry Lashawn Hooper