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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Re: The State v. Kristina M. Pitts
Appellate Case No. 2018-000743

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the letter I sent to Kristina M. Pitts in which I enclosed my explanation for appeal and a statement that she has twenty (20) days to inform the Court of any issues preserved for appeal.

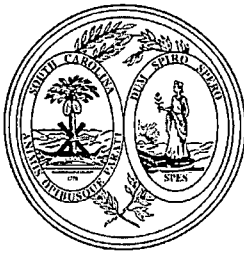
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure



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Kristina M. Pitts
P.O. Box 26
Newry, SC 29665

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Dear Ms. Pitts:

I filed an appeal to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to your instructions. The Court of Appeals requests a letter informing them of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal.

As part of the appeal, I was required to submit a Rule203(d)(1)(b)(iv) Certification to the Court explaining my reasons for filing an appeal. Enclosed is the Certification, a copy of the letter from the Court of Appeals, and a stamped envelope with the Court of Appeals Address.


You have twenty (20) days to mail your response to the Court of Appeals. Please submit your letter to the following address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

In the heading of your letter, you should provide the above listed caption, including "Appellate Case Number 2018-000743."

Very truly yours,

GREENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

By:  _____
Hood Dawson, Esq.

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April 25, 2018

Mr. Edward Hood Dawson, III, Esquire
305 E. North Street, Suite 123
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Re: The State v. Kristina M. Pitts
Appellate Case No. 2018-000743

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your explanation for appealing.

Please forward your explanation to your client, along with a statement that your client has twenty (20) days from the date of your transmittal letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please provide your client with the Court's address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Please send your letter to your client within ten (10) days, with a copy to this Court.

Very truly yours,

V. Claire Allen, Deputy

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cc: Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire
Brittany Danielle Scott, Esquire
John Benjamin Aplin, Esquire
Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)
THE STATE)
v.)
KRISTINA MARIE PITTS,)
DEFENDANT.)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Warrant Nos.: 2018GS2302450


Rule 203(d)(1)(b)(iv) Certification

Pursuant to SC Rule 203(D)(1)(b)(iv), Defendant would show that the sentence imposed is unreasonable. With regard to indictment 2018GS2302450, the Defendant was sentenced to three (3) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections, suspended upon two (2) years of probation subject to South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services standard conditions of probation. Defendant was given credit for 175 days of time already served in the Greenville County Detention Center. The Circuit Court also ordered that the Defendant be subject to a Permanent Restraining Order for a period of three (3) years. Defendant communicated to her Attorney that she demands an appeal.

Defendant's Attorney is filing this appeal pursuant to his ethical duty to his client, and Defendant's constitutional right to appeal. See Frazer v. South Carolina, 430 F.3d 696, 706 (4th Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate in behalf of his client.'") (quoting Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Defendant was informed of her right to appeal and she communicated to her Attorney that she demands an appeal. Defense counsel can provide no material issues to appeal.

Respectfully submitted,
GREENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

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