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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Sasha A. Gaskins v. The State
Appellate Case No. 2017-002554

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

As evidenced by the enclosed affidavit, Ms. Gaskins has elected to drop her appeal of the denial of her post-conviction relief. I have discussed the consequences of dropping the appeal with Ms. Gaskins in writing. Because Ms. Gaskin's decision to drop her appeal of the denial of post-conviction relief is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary after thoroughly discussing the advantages and disadvantages, I respectfully request that the Court issue an order dismissing Ms. Gaskin's appeal of the denial of her post-conviction relief.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Megan H. Jameson of the Office of the Attorney General of Ms. Gaskin's decision.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Pachak
Appellate Defender

RMP/meb

Enclosure

cc: Megan H. Jameson, Esquire
Sasha A. Gaskins

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)

SASHA GASKINS,)
)
PETITIONER,)
v.)
)
THE STATE,)
)
RESPONDENT.)
_____)

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Sasha Gaskins, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the petitioner in the above captioned case.
2. I understand that I am entitled to appeal the denial of post-conviction relief, 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 the appeal of the denial of post-conviction relief 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.

Sasha Gaskins
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SWORN TO before me this 17th
day of May, 2018.

Sandra Diergoette Hill (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: Jan. 8, 2023

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