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Dear, South Carolina Court of appeals;

I recieved your letter of notice that I needed to write you with a reason for appeal. I was ~~going~~ given the wrong address to send my appeal letter so now that I have the right address & am sending my appeal letter, I hope you will ~~exp~~ except my letter of appeal even tho it is past the do day mark.

Thank you so much & have a nice day.

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Joseph Elijah Mills
#376644

Dear Appellate Court,

APPELLATE DEFENSE

My name is Joseph Elijah Mills. Today is July 20, 2018 I'm writing you this letter on my behalf. I honestly feel that I wasn't properly represented by my public defender (Sarah Mauldin) of the Eleventh Circuit public defenders office. I was coerced into taking a plea, being under the understanding that if I didn't agree to the plea that I would receive a worse sentence in the form of (Life) if I was to take it to trial. My public defender (Sarah Mauldin) also said that my reason for appeal was because I changed my mind which is something I never said. I am writing you myself to inform you as to why I'm putting in for an appeal. My reason for an appeal is ineffective counseling due to the fact that my public defender was persuading me not to take it to trial. I feel like she was working with the solicitors in my case and she informed me that the solicitors only gave me 24 hrs. to make a decision. I knew I'm not guilty of murder and I deserve a chance to get a fair trial to prove my innocents. The honorable Judge Mr. R. Knox McMahon was the Judge on my case and I believe that he already had me convicted before I even walked into the courtroom. It looked as if he was just going through the motions just because and he was also siding with the solicitors no matter what. He stated that I was guilty of murder on my appeal and called my appeal good "gamesmanship". My public defender didn't give me a fighting chance and I feel that they wanted to represent me in my case in the first place. I would love the opportunity and chance at a fair trial. THANKS in Advance for your time and patience and consideration.

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16.(0-1): Applicant was denied the right to due process of law guaranteed under the fifth and fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and by Article 149 of the Tennessee Constitution during the guilt or Innocent phase of his case.

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P.S. Can I receive a clockstamp copy back of this