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December 20, 2018

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, S.C. Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
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Re: State v. Geordi Jerell Heyward - Appellate Case No. 2017-002552

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I represent Geordi Jerell Heyward in the above-referenced appeal. Mr. Heyward has decided to drop his appeal, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit. I am fully satisfied that Mr. Heyward understands the disadvantages of dropping his appeal, and everything that he is waiving.

However, because the Notary Public failed to put when their commission expires, I have sent Mr. Heyward another affidavit asking that he ensure the notary's expiration date is included. I will forward that affidavit to the Court as soon as I receive it.

I respectfully request that the Court hold this case in abeyance until I forward that affidavit to this Court. I will then request that this Court issue an order dismissing Mr. Heyward's appeal. By copy of this letter, I am informing opposing counsel, J. Benjamin Aplin, of my client's decision.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If the Court requires any further information or has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

cc: Geordi Heyward #374238
J. Benjamin Aplin, Esq.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
THE STATE,)
RESPONDENT,)
v.)
GEORDI JERELL HEYWARD,)
APPELLANT,)
_____)

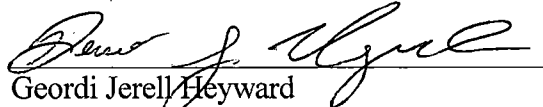
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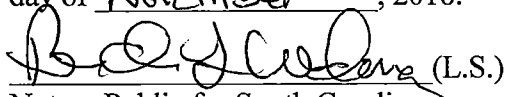
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PERSONALLY appeared before me, Geordi Jerell Heyward, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

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.
3. In light of the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense not file a brief on my behalf and to drop my appeal.
5. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
4. I do not wish to appeal.



Geordi Jerell Heyward

SWORN TO before me this 19
day of November, 2018.
 (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____.