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March 15, 2019

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, S.C. Court of Appeals
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Re: State v. Michael Seals - Appellate Case No. 2018-00056

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I represent Michael Seals in the above-referenced appeal. Mr. Seals has decided to drop his appeal, as evidenced by the enclosed original affidavit. I am fully satisfied that Mr. Seals understands the advantages and disadvantages of dropping his appeal and has made his decision knowingly and voluntarily.

I respectfully request that the Court issue an Order dismissing Mr. Seals' appeal. I previously informed opposing counsel and the lower court, for which a limited remand was granted, via email about Mr. Seals' decision and am also copying them on this letter.

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

Sincerely,

David Alexander
Appellate Defender

c. The Honorable Edgar W. Dickson
Mark R. Farthing, Esq.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF SUMTER)

THE STATE,)
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Respondent,)
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v.)
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MICHAEL SEALS,)
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Appellant.)
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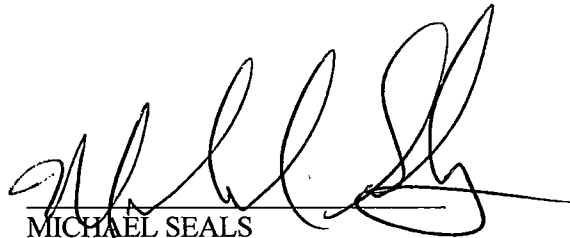
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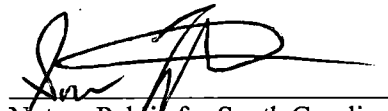
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PERSONALLY appeared before me, MICHAEL SEALS, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

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.


MICHAEL SEALS

SWORN TO before me this 15th
day of March, 2019.


(L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: October 30, 2022.