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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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Re: State v. Justin Elliott Watts - Appellate Case No. 2018-000708

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Mr. Watts has decided to drop his appeal, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit. I am fully satisfied that Mr. Watts understands the disadvantages of dropping his appeal, and everything that he is waiving.

I respectfully request that this Court issue an order dismissing Mr. Watt'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

RMD/cp

cc: J. Benjamin Aplin, Esq.  
Justin Elliott Watts #375425

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT )  
THE STATE, )  
RESPONDENT, )  
v. )  
JUSTIN ELLIOTT WATTS, )  
APPELLANT, )  
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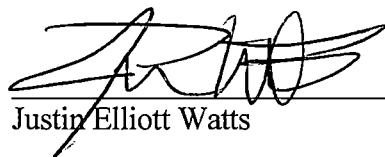
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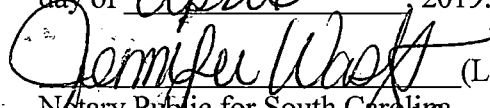
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PERSONALLY appeared before me, Justin Elliott Watts, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

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.

  
Justin Elliott Watts

SWORN TO before me this 26th  
day of April, 2019.  
 (L.S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: March 9, 2028

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