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To whom it may concern

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

My name is Jamie Ray Lewis. I was sentenced to 24yrs in SCDC in May 2015 by plea bargain. It was a forced plea as I stated at my PCR. My father was charged with accessory before and after the fact of murder. My father is the only one left to care for my minor children and my attorney admitted that he knew this. When Mrs. Birch first came at me with a plea I made it clear I would only plea if my fathers charges was dismissed. They started at 35yrs for me and 10yrs for my father. It ended with me 24yrs, my fathers charges dismissed. When Mr. Jones came to me with the 24yr plea he stated that Mrs. Birch said that was as low as she would go because she felt like if she would've put me in prison on a prior case concerning some victim that she felt he would still be alive. Mrs. Birch should've removed herself from the case due to personal feelings. Mr Jones said I had to take the 24yrs or we would go to trial the next Monday and my father would sit at the table beside me. If I was found guilty we would both receive the maximum sentence. I felt I couldn't chance it cause if I lost my children would end up in foster care. Mr Jones admitted in PCR he knew that was the reason I took the plea. He also admitted that he was not ready for trial by saying He was always under the impression this was a plea case. He never took the initiative to prove me innocent. For starters he never hired an investigator. He stated that Darlington County didn't have the funds for that. This was addressed at PCR and Mr Jones admitted to it. My family received phone calls from people stating that someone else was out bragging that they were

the one that killed Mr. Brewington. Also I received letters from people stating the same thing and shared them with Mr. Jones. He never followed up. Mr. Brewington was stabbed numerous times in the chest and neck area. I was seen on video before and after the time of the incident and when I was arrested they verified I had on the same clothes. This man was stabbed many times and the only said DNA from the victim was from a spot on my boxers. I've seen multiple stabbings here in SDC and when a man is stabbed in that area the assailant gets blood all over themselves. If Mr. Jones would have hired an investigator he would've known this. Also do I not have a right for the DNA to be retested. My prints or DNA was not on the murder weapon. But the victims and someone else's was. I brought all this to Mr. Jones attention to no avail. Also the reason the police started looking at me as a suspect was the victims 84yr old mother said she heard me and her son arguing and I came running by her. But she could not pick me out of a photo lineup due to being legally blind. I have known the Brewingtons my whole life. Also in my Rule 5 where her statement is it says I'm blond hair blue eyes. I have jet black hair and dark brown eyes. But her statement is invalid anyway due to the fact that Mrs Brewington passed away before trial time and there was never a disposition done. It took 26 months for DNA results to come back. A few months before the Honorable Judge Birch ordered my DNA took. We couldn't figure out why even the lead detective Chad McInville stated in my rules "why do we need suspects DNA he's already in CODIS. Yet my DNA or fingerprints wasn't on

anything to do with the crime. When DNA came back Mr. Jones stated if it wasn't for that small spot on my boxers he would feel great about going to trial but with that DNA he didn't feel he could win. I was told on Monday by another attorney that I had been on the trial list for the next week but the DNA results wasn't back. On Wednesday Mr. Jones came with the results and started talking about pleas and that we were scheduled for trial Monday if we couldn't come to an agreement. No time to prep for a trial. No time for subpoenas. Nothing. How with no investigation on my behalf. Mr. Jones waived my Preliminary Hearing and my first bond appearance without my consent. I finally had a bond hearing 18 months in and received a \$200,000.00 bond. Never went for bond reduction. I was on probation at time of arrest and was violated for being locked up for murder and sent to SCDC for a year. During the year I was under Mental health care for severe depression and anxiety. My wife passed away 3 months before I was arrested. I wasn't and still am not dealing with it good. When I got back to Darlington County I continued seeing their mental health tech and taking medications. Also by me just facing a life sentence automatically means Mr. Jones was supposed to send me for a mental health evaluation and he didn't. I took this 24yr plea for 2 reasons. 1 Mr. Jones did not and was not prepared for a trial by his own admittance by saying "He always was under the impression this was a plea case at my PCR 2 He knew my situation with my children and my father and admitted he knew I took it because of them. I never would've taken the plea if I would've had proper presentation. All I'm asking is for the chance to have

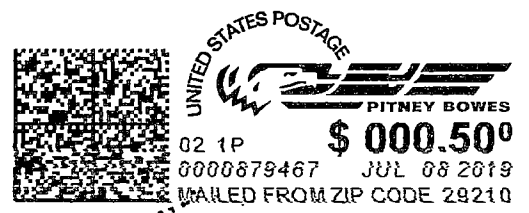
proper representation, an investigation on my behalf and a fair trial. Please read through the PCR transcript and take my words into consideration. I just received your letter with the 45 day deadline on July 3rd. I've not had time to look any case laws up or prepare for this statement. Please take your time and look over all the facts and make a just decision. I thank you for your time and consideration.

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