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August 20, 2019

Via Certified Mail 7016 0600 0000 5995 7601

Mr. Markus Harris
3014 Cypress Street
Beaufort, SC 29902

Re: The State v. Markus D. Harris
Appellate Case No.: 2019-001268

Dear Mr. Harris,

Please find enclosed a letter from The South Carolina Court of Appeals, which I received on August 20, 2019. Based on this letter I am informing you of the following:

1. I am enclosing another copy of my explanation for the appeal which I filed with The Court of Appeals.
2. Please be aware, you have twenty (20) days from the date of today's letter to inform the South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. The Court's address is:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Sincerely,

Courtney a. Gibbs

Courtney Gibbs
Assistant Public Defender

cc: Clerk, SC Court of Appeals ✓
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August 14, 2019

Ms. Courtney Ann Gibbes, Esquire
PO Box 525
Beaufort SC 29901

Re: The State v. Markus D. Harris
Appellate Case No. 2019-001268

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your explanation for appealing.

Please forward your explanation to your client, along with a statement that your client has twenty (20) days from the date of your transmittal letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please provide your client with the Court's address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Please send your letter to your client within ten (10) days, with a copy to this Court, or this appeal will be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

V. Claire Allen, Deputy

CLERK

cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
William M. Blicht, Jr., Esquire
Jesse Charles Glenn, Esquire
Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

Appellate Case No. 2019-001268
Case Nos. 2019GS0700337, 2019GS0700748

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent,

v.

MARKUS DEON HARRIS,

Appellant.

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AFFIDAVIT OF COURTNEY GIBBES, ESQUIRE

1. My name is Courtney Gibbes and I am a licensed attorney for the State of South Carolina. My South Carolina bar number is 74595.
2. I am an Assistant Public Defender for the Beaufort County Public Defender's Office.
3. I filed an appeal upon the request of my client, Markus Deon Harris.
4. I am not aware of any reviewable appellate issues as a result of this plea on July 18, 2019. However, at the request of appellant, I filed this appeal. Mr. Harris is concerned that he pled to Burglary, 3rd Degree after receiving presentment to the Grand Jury.
5. Furthermore, Mr. Harris feels that he was under distress to enter a plea as he was incarcerated and sexually harassed by another inmate.

SWORN to and subscribed before me

his John day of August 2019

[Signature]
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission expires on: June 26, 2026

Courtney a. Gibbes
Courtney Gibbes



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