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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Mr. Tyress Littlejohn, #263016
Ridgeland Correctional Institution
PO Box 2039
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Re: Your case

Dear Mr. Littlejohn:

If you recall, I sent you a letter explaining the procedure for review on a no merit petition, which is the type of petition I filed for you in your appeal. I'm bringing this to your attention because one factor included in an appeal bond petition is an assessment of the category where "the likelihood of success on the merits" must be evaluated.

Unfortunately, since I filed a no merit petition on your behalf, I cannot in good faith file a petition for an appeal bond knowing that I cannot vouch positively for the likelihood of success on the merits of your appeal. Therefore, I cannot file a bond petition on your behalf.

However, please know that the appellate court will review your entire case on appeal and all issues raised therein and make the final decision on whether your appeal contains legal merit. If the Court finds that your appeal does indeed contain legal merit, then the Court will contact me about this and I will immediately file a petition for appeal bond your behalf.

Sincerely,

Wanda H. Carter
Deputy Chief Appellate Defender

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