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Via Regular Mail

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Re: State v. INDIA KIERRA GILCHREST
Appellate Case No(s): **2019-001223**

Dear Deputy Clerk:

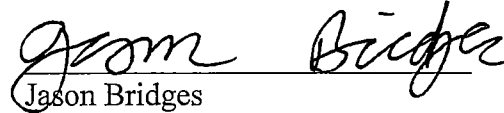
I am in receipt of your letter from October 4, which requested clarification on the status of this appeal. On July 23, 2019, I filed a notice of appeal for Ms. Gilchrest's trial in absence and conviction which occurred on July 19, 2019. I was trial counsel for Ms. Gilchrest at the time of the jury trial and at the filing of the notice of appeal. In the weeks after the trial and the filing of the appeal, Ms. Gilchrest retained attorney Steven McKenzie. Mr. McKenzie ultimately negotiated with the solicitor's office to allow for Ms. Gilchrest to enter a guilty plea to a lesser-included offense. On August 16, 2019, the Hon. Thomas Hughston (who was also the trial judge for Ms. Gilchrest) agreed to reopen the case, he set aside the verdict, and he accepted Ms. Gilchrest's plea to the lesser-included offense.

I informed the SCCID Appellate Division of this guilty plea during the following week. My understanding is that since the case was re-opened and a guilty plea was entered by Ms. Gichrest, the appeal from the trial will no longer continue. It was not my intention to appeal the guilty plea that Ms. Gilchrest entered on August 16, 2019. Mr. McKenzie was counsel for that plea and his contact information is below:

Steven McKenzie, Esquire
Coffee & McKenzie, PA
2 N Brooks Street
Manning, SC 29102

Additionally, I have enclosed copies of the public index records of this case. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please let me know if you need any additional information.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Bridges". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
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Case Number:	2015A4310100257	Court Agency:	General Sessions	Filed Date:	03/16/2015
Case Type:	Criminal-Clerk	Case Sub Type:			
Status:	Disposed	Assigned Judge:	Clerk Of Court C P, G S, And Family Court	Disposition Judge:	Hughston, Thomas L
Disposition:	Pled Guilty				
Disposition Date:	08/16/2019	Date Received:	03/16/2015	Arrest Date:	03/12/2015
Law Enf. Case:	15037101	True Bill Date:	07/09/2015	No Bill Date:	
Prosecutor Case:		Indictment Number:	2015GS4300624	Waiver Date:	
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Name	Address	Race	Sex	Year Of Birth	Party Type	Party Status	Last Updated
A Way Out Green'S Bail Bonds/Susan M. Riley	290 S. Pike Rd. Sumter SC 29150				Bond Entity		03/16/2015
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridges, Jason Edward	215 North Harvin, Street, Room 151 Sumter SC 29150				Defendant Attorney		07/22/2019
Brown, Trevor	P.O. Box 430 1285 N Main St. Sumter SC 29151				Officer		03/16/2015
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gilchrest, India Kierra	910 W Oakland Ave Sumter SC 29150-2482	Black	F	1988	Defendant		08/16/2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> McKenzie, Steven Smith	2 N. Brook St. Coffey & Mckenzie, PA Manning SC 29102				Defendant Attorney		07/29/2019
Ray, Frances B.	SC				Court Reporter		07/22/2019



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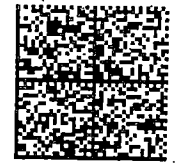
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Name	Charge Code - Charge Description	Original Charge Code - Original Charge	Disposition Date
Gilchrest, India Kierra	0183-Drugs / MDP, Narcotic drugs in Sch. I(b) & (c), LSD, and Sched. II - 1st offense	0278-Drugs / Trafficking in cocaine, 10 g or more, but less than 28 g - 1st offense	08/16/2019

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