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October 24, 2019

Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Rashaad Thomas v. The State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2019-001350

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Mr. Thomas has decided to drop his post-conviction relief appeal, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit. I have reviewed with him the consequences of dropping the appeal and am in agreement with his decision. He has been informed of the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing this appeal, and I believe he has made his decision knowingly and voluntarily.

I respectfully request that an order be issued dismissing this post-conviction relief appeal. Additionally, I respectfully requests the timelines for filing be held in abeyance pending the Court's decision on the motion to withdraw.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Johnny E. James, Jr., Esquire of my client's decision. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

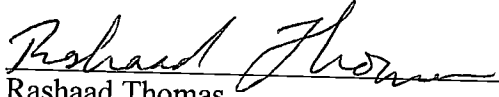
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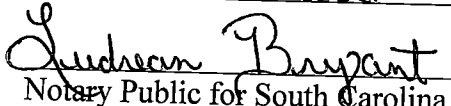
Enclosure

cc: Johnny E. James, Jr.
Rashaad Thomas #344003

9. In light of the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense drop the appeal formerly filed on my behalf.
10. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
11. I do not wish to appeal.


Rashaad Thomas

SWORN TO before me this
21st day of October, 2019.

 (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: May 26, 2020

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