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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
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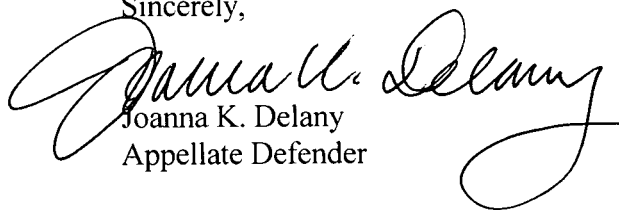
Re: Antonio Terrell Romeo v. State of South Carolina Appellate Case No.: 2017-002415

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Mr. Romeo has decided to drop his appeal, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit. I have reviewed with him the consequences of dropping the appeal. 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 appeal.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Megan H. Jameson, Esquire of my client's decision. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender

JKD/mba

Enclosure

cc: Megan H. Jameson, Esquire
Antonio Terrell Romeo, #336726

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)
ANTONIO TERRELL ROMEO,)
Petitioner,)
v.)
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
Respondent.)

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT
APPELLATE CASE NO. 2017-002415

AFFIDAVIT OF ANTONIO TERRELL ROMEO

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Antonio Terrell Romeo, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the petitioner in the above captioned case.
2. A Clarendon County Grand Jury indicted me in January 2016 for two counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor. My case was called to trial on April 4, 2016, before the Honorable Howard P. King and a jury. However, I pleaded guilty to a negotiated sentence. Judge King sentenced me to ten years' incarceration suspended upon the service of five years with five years of probation, and a lifetime requirement to register as a sexual offender. I did not appeal my guilty plea.
3. On July 6, 2016, I filed an application for post-conviction relief (PCR). An evidentiary hearing was convened on July 24, 2017, before the Honorable D. Craig Brown. I was represented by Lance Boozer, Esquire. By order filed September 14, 2017, Judge Brown denied me relief from my convictions and sentences. On November 20, 2017, my attorney filed a notice of appeal.
4. On July 18, 2018, Appellate Defender Joanna Delany filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in my case. On November 20, 2018, the State made its Return.
5. On October 16, 2019, I wrote to Appellate Defender Joanna Delany and requested she move to dismiss my appeal. I received a letter from Ms. Delany dated October 18, 2019, in which she explained the dangers and disadvantages of withdrawing my appeal. I have reviewed that letter and understand the consequences of my actions.

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6. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of the denial of my application for post-conviction relief, and that, because I am indigent, I am entitled to the assistance of an attorney from the South Carolina Division of Appellate Defense. I have been informed that if I withdraw my appeal that I forever waive those issues that could be raised.
7. In light of the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire that the South Carolina Division of Appellate Defense withdraw my appeal formerly filed on my behalf.
8. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
9. I do not wish to appeal the denial of post-conviction relief.


Antonio Terrell Romeo

SWORN TO before me this 19
day of November, 2019.

 (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 10/28/20