

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin, Circuit Court Judge

Indictment Nos.: 2019-GS-23-08024

The State,

Respondent,

v.

James Kelvin Butler, Defendant.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendant James Kelvin Butler appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The defendant pled guilty to Trafficking Meth or Cocaine Base 10 grams or more but less than 28 grams-3rd or subsequent offense.

Pursuant to the plea, Defendant was sentenced on December 5, 2019, to a total of twelve (12) years.

This appeal is taken from the original Sentencing Sheet. (*See* enclosed).

I. The Defendant's guilty plea was not knowingly or voluntarily entered because he did not adequately understand or was not adequately informed of:

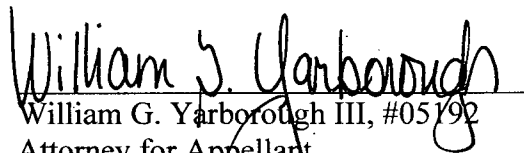
- a. the nature of the charges;
- b. that he was waiving significant constitutional rights by pleading guilty;
- c. the collateral consequences of the plea;

d. or the potential sentence he could receive.

Had the Defendant fully understood or been fully informed of the aforementioned, he would not have pled guilty and instead would have proceeded to trial. *See generally Boykin v. Alabama*, 395 U.S. 238 (1969); *United States v. Ruiz*, 536 U.S. 622, 628 (2002); *Mabry v. Johnson*, 467 U.S. 504, 507 (1984).

II. The Defendant's guilty plea was not knowingly or voluntarily entered because of material defects in the plea colloquy. *See generally Boykin*, 395 U.S. at 241; *State v. Armstrong*, 263 S.C. 594, 598, 211 S.E.2d 889, 891 (1975).

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Traci Trouton-Burr, certify on this date, December 10, 2019, I served a Notice of Appeal in this action, dated December 10, 2019 on Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk of Court, S.C. Court of Appeals, Assistant Solicitor Brann W. Fowler, and Greenville County Clerk of Court Paul Wickensimer, by mailing it to him/her at his/her work address, by depositing it in the U.S. Mail, in an envelope with sufficient postage affixed, addressed as follows:

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