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Mr. Timothy Blassingame, 00213064
Broad River Correctional Institution
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Re: Timothy Blassingame v. State
Appellate Case No. 2019-002095
Lower Court Case No. 2019CP3700315

Dear Mr. Blassingame:

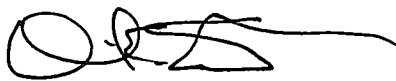
This Court has received your notice of appeal, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

As you know, the above circuit court case was opened based on a Rule 60(b)

motion that you filed regarding the post-conviction relief case of 2010CP3700531.¹ The order under appeal denied your motion for a default judgment in this case. I ask that you please explain how an appeal can be taken from this order since this order did not finally resolve the Rule 60(b) motion. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-100 ("A final judgment entered under this chapter may be reviewed by a writ of certiorari as provided by the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules."); Rule 243(a), SCACR ("A final decision entered under the Post-Conviction Relief Act shall be reviewed by the Supreme Court upon petition of either party for a writ of certiorari, according to the procedure set forth in this Rule."); *Lewis v. State*, 368 S.C. 630, 630 S.E.2d 464 (2006) (discussing what is a final decision or judgment in a post-conviction relief case). This explanation should be provided within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly 'O. S.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Taylor Zane Smith, Esquire

¹ Since a Rule 60(b) motion is a motion in the case, I do not understand why the circuit court opened this as a separate case.