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**Re: State v. India Kierra Gilcrest**  
Appellate Case No(s): 2019-001223

Dear Deputy Clerk Allen:

I received a letter from the Court on December 2, 2019, which requested that I provide the Court with an amended notice of appeal showing that this appeal is from a guilty plea. As I mentioned to the Court in my letter dated, October 9, 2019, I did not intend to appeal the guilty plea in Ms. Gilcrest's case. My appeal was only for the trial in absence verdict from July 19, 2019. On August 16, 2019, after I filed the Notice of Appeal on July 22, 2019, the Hon. Thomas Hughston agreed to set aside the trial verdict and Ms. Gilcrest entered her plea of guilty to a lesser charge.

It is my position that the guilty plea on August 16, 2019 rendered my appeal from the trial verdict that was set aside as part of the guilty plea moot. As my letter on October 9, 2019 mentioned, I had no intention of appealing the guilty plea, nor was I counsel for that plea, as Mr. Steven Mckenzie represented Ms. Gilcrest for the guilty plea. **Please consider this letter to be the withdrawal of my appeal.** Please let me know if I need to provide any additional information in this case.

Sincerely,



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