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Dear Mr. Wilson, SC Court of Appeals

My name is Julie Lynn Gookins 370329 and I am writing to you to ask for your help. Back on January 20, 2017 I received a letter from ms. Jenny Abbot Kitchings advising me that appellate case # 2016-002255 had a remittitur "that will be sent as provided by Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court rules."

Then there was another letter sent on April 26, 2017 that says if I believe that I've received ineffective assistance of counsel, I was being encouraged to review the South Carolina Post-Conviction Procedure Act, S.C. Code Ann. 17-27-10 to 160 and Rule 71.1 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. I was also advised that the time for me to receive relief under that act is limited.

Sir from the very beginning I have been filing and working on this case mostly on my own because my original attorney refused to file for ineffective counsel on himself and he knew that would be my primary grounds. He knew he never represented me in a manner that was proper and acceptable. He fought me and told me I was guilty the whole time, he was never going to fight for me.

I was willing to plead guilty to what I was guilty of from the very beginning. He never fought for me just kept telling me I either took the plea he kept coming to me with which was a 30 year plea or not take it and go to prison for life those were my choices.

I told my attorney a 30 year sentence is life so he was getting me to accept a life sentence and I wouldn't do that.

I need help I don't understand how a remittitur works and I'm still working on my appeal at the level of writ of Certiorari but I don't want to waste my writ if this remittitur can bring this back to Court for a reconsideration or different judgement. I'm not an attorney, my higher education was in the medical field so all though I took 1 Law class, Introduction to Criminal Justice back when I was 19 and in college it was the only law class I took and unfortunately I never knew I would need the law class or would have stuck with the law classes.

I'm just asking for some help the attorney who had been appointed for my Writ of Certiorari filed a Johnson Brief on my case so once again I'm alone doing what I can.

If there's anything you can offer as far as help or advise I will forever be grateful.  
Thank you for your time and in advice in advance.

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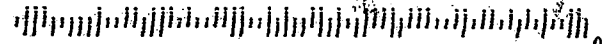
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