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January 24, 2020

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, S.C. Court of Appeals  
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Re: Jerald Jermaine Howard v. State

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Mr. Howard 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.

I respectfully request that an order be issued dismissing this appeal. Additionally, I respectfully request the timelines for filing be held in abeyance pending the Court's decision on the motion to withdraw.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Melody J. Brown, Esquire of my client's decision. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Hackett  
Appellate Defender

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Enclosure

cc: Melody J. Brown, Esquire (w/ enclosure)  
Jerald Jermaine Howard #380868 (w/enclosure)

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER )

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS  
APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-001367

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
Respondent, )

v. )

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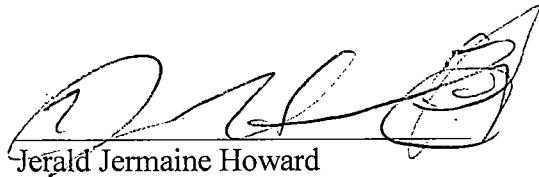
JERALD JEMAINÉ HOWARD, )  
Appellant. )

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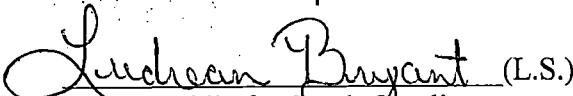
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PERSONALLY appeared before me, Jerald Jermaine Howard, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the appellant in the above captioned case.
2. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of my convictions and sentences for murder and desecration of human remains, and that, because I am indigent, I am entitled to the assistance of an attorney from the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense. I have been informed that if I drop my appeal that I forever waive those issues that could be raised.
3. In light of the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense withdraw my appeal.
4. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
5. I do not wish to appeal.

  
Jerald Jermaine Howard

SWORN TO before me this 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of January, 2020.

 (L.S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: May 26, 2026

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