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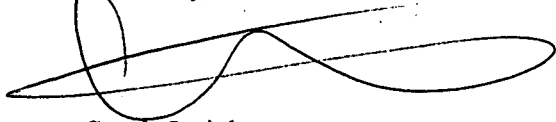
Re: The State vs. Edward Earl Willis
Appellate Case No. 2020-000321

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of my correspondence to Mr. Edward Willis per the Court's request.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Edward Earl Willis, Inmate #: 299492
Evans Correctional Institution
610 Highway 9 West
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RE: State v. Edward Earl Willis

Dear Mr. Willis:

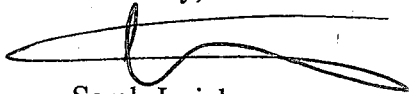
Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from the Court of Appeals dated February 24, 2020. I am forwarding this correspondence to you at the direction of the Court. I am also enclosing a copy of the Notice of Appeal, Statement of Basis for Appeal, and Proof of Service.

I have been instructed to inform you that you have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter in which to provide the Court **in writing** of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal from your guilty plea. You must submit your issues preserved for appeal to the following address:

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1220 Senate Street
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Because I am unsure of what has been made available to you at SCDC, I have enclosed an envelope and paper to ensure you have the necessary materials to comply with the Court's request. The appellate courts are very strict in regard to filing matters in a timely fashion. Therefore, you should be careful to observe and comply with the time limits set forth by the Court.

Sincerely,



Sarah Jurick
Assistant Public Defender

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Cc: South Carolina Court of Appeals
Chief Appellate Defender Robert Dudek

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February 24, 2020

Ms. Sarah Christine Jurick, Esquire
1701 Main Street
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Re: The State v. Edward E. Willis
Appellate Case No. 2020-000321

Dear Counsel:

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.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02. Please note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will *not* review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

This is to advise that the title in the above matter has been changed to read as follows:

The State, Respondent,

v.

Edward Earl Willis, Appellant.

All future records in this matter should be changed to reflect this title. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

V. Claire Allen, Deputy

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cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire
Richard Vance Eaton, Esquire
William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire
Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire
Edward E. Willis #00299492

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Honorable DeAndrea G. Benjamin

Case No. 2018GS4000291
2018GS4000293

The State,.....Respondent,

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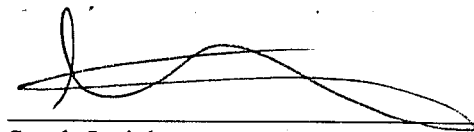
NOTICE OF APPEAL

Edward Earl Willis appeals his conviction and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by the Honorable DeAndrea G. Benjamin on December 12, 2019.

2018GS4000291 – Assault & Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature – 10 years suspended to 4.5 years.

2018GS4000293 – Traffic / Failure to Stop for a blue light, no injury or death – 1st offense – 3 years

February 21, 2020



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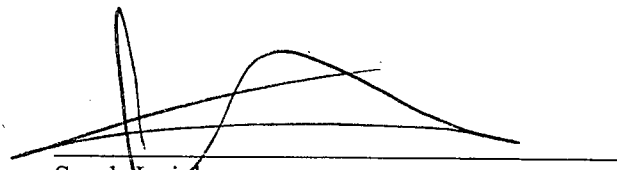
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**STATEMENT OF BASIS FOR APPEAL FROM
GUILTY PLEA PURSUANT TO RULE 203(d)(1)(B)**

Pursuant to South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 203(d)(1)(B), the Defendant was dissatisfied with his sentence and insisted on appealing. I am of the opinion that if the client insists on appealing, I am constrained to file an appeal. Weathers v. State, 319 S.C. 59, 459 SE 2d 838 (1995).



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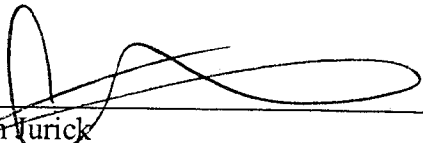
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the Notice of Intent to Appeal & the Statement of Basis for Appeal from Guilty Plea Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B) in the above-referenced case has been served upon opposing counsel by delivering same this date to his office at the Office of the Solicitor, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Richland County Judicial Center, 1701 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

February 21, 2020



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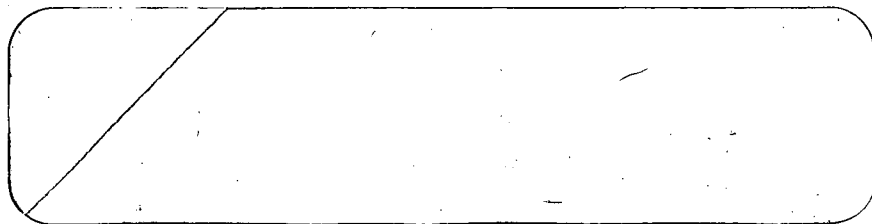
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