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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in reference to the appeal Mr. Cheeks filed on my behalf on January 27, 2020. Below you will find the reasons I feel I deserve an appeal on the guilty plea I entered on January 22, 2020.

The Public Defender, James Cheek, who assisted me with my guilty plea and spoke on my behalf did more harm than good when he stated that I had a bad meth addiction and that's why I was shoplifting. That was a false statement that Mr. Cheek assumed on his own. I do not now nor have I ever had a meth addiction.

My mother had been in Spartanburg Regional Hospital for roughly 6 weeks and collapsed and was rushed to the Critical Care Unit on November 9, 2019. I recieved a phone call at approximately 6:30pm the evening of November 9, 2019 from Dr. Wen stating my mother wasn't expected to make it through the night. My mother passed away November 15, 2019, her 55th birthday was November 23, 2019, and Thanksgiving was in that time frame as well. I was so grief stricken and felt like I was on auto-pilot just going through the motions not realizing the damage I was causing to myself and others, I was arrested on December 10, 2019.

I feel that had information been relayed to the Judge correctly, and I not been painted as a meth head who was fueling my addiction the sentence I recieved may not have been so harsh. I was lost and devastated over the death of my mother, and did stupid things to make it day to day without thinking about what I was doing.

Mr. Cheek spoke to me before court and I was under the assumption that I was going to be sentenced to 90 days - 6 months or I would never have signed the sentencing sheet and plead guilty in front of that Judge. I felt as if Mr. Cheek was against me in court because he never said a word in my favor, only painting me as a drug addict with a stealing problem. Mr. Cheek brought up the child neglect charge I was on probation for which was not relevant to my crimes I was being sentenced for except that I was in violation of my probation. When I tried to speak out against the false statements Mr. Cheek was making, he shook his head no and under his breath told me not to say anything. I assumed it would make things worse for me and thats why he didnt want me to say anything but after the fact of it all it only made me look worse to the judge and I wish I'd spoken

up for myself.

Mr. Cheek never mentioned anything to the judge about the sentence he told me we were asking for, only that I had a bad addiction and would the judge be lenient. Again, I did not nor have I ever been a meth addict! I was not aware that I was being sentenced on enhancement charges when I wasn't indicted and arrested for the enhancement charges.

1. A/W# 2018A4210203371

- The warrant states I was being arrested for shoplifting enhancement because of 2 prior convictions for the same offense. That is false. Prior to 9.4.18 I'd been arrested once for shoplifting and never convicted of the offense. It was dismissed in City Court. I was arrested once after 2018 for shoplifting, which was dismissed in Magistrate Court in January 2020. There is one conviction on my record for shoplifting that I have no clue where it came from because it's not my charge, I should've had zero shoplifting convictions.

2. A/W# 2019A4210103090

- Indictment for Forgery < \$10,000 SC CODE: 16-13-10A CDR CODE: 3436. Why was I sentenced for enhancement? CDR CODE on sentencing sheet was 3612 which differs from original warrant and indictment bill.

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3. A/W # 2019A4210205012

- The warrant states I have 2 prior convictions and this is 3rd or subsequent offense for shoplifting enhancement, which is false because I've never been convicted of this offense

4. A/W # 2019A4210101488

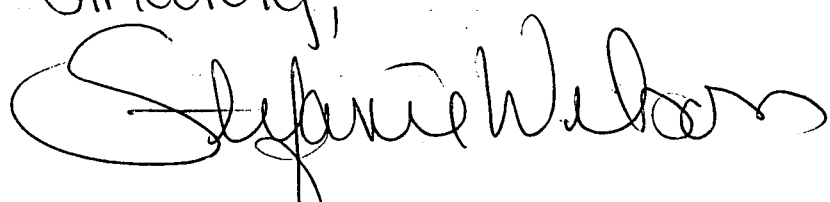
- Arrested and Indicted for Forgery < \$10,000 16-13-10A
CDR CODE: 3436, sentenced for Forgery Enhancement
CDR CODE: 3612

5. A/W # 2019A4210101676

6. A/W # 2019A4210101675

Both 5, and 6 - was arrested and indicted on Forgery < \$10,000 16-13-10(A) but sentenced as enhancements. There are also 2 different CDR CODES on each of these sentencing sheets. One section says 3436 and another says 3612.

Thank You for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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