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To Whom it may concern,

This is my written statement of the issues I have with my case and why I put in for an appeal. Laura A McClann was my public defender and came to see me in Dicken County Jail and told me that the Solicitor in my case was offering me a plea deal for six months and I accepted it on the 20th of August 2020. That's when the paralegal of Mrs McClann had me sign a sentencing sheet. She told me I was gonna go to court the following week however Mrs McClann had a death in the family and had to go to court for two weeks. On the 15th of September a man said to be another public defender showed up in visitation early that morning claiming he was there for Mrs McClann. He told me "they lost your sentencing sheet, for me to sign a new one so they can get me in court quickly that morning so I could get probation of possibly time served." The sentencing sheet was not filled out and when I asked about it he said she knows what we agreed on and would fill out the rest when she got the paper. I went to court a few hours later and the judge sentenced me to two years in CDC. This is my written statement. Derrick L Portin

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