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Columbia, SC 29210

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SC Court of Appeals

Re: State v. William David Willingham II
Appellate Case No. 2020-001530

Dear Mr. Willingham:

I am attaching a letter from the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals is requesting that you supplement your pleadings to provide a grounds for appeal.

I have previously sent you the Notice of Appeal as well as the SC Rule 203(D)(1)(b)(iv) Certification, which stated:

Pursuant to SC Rule 203(D)(1)(b)(iv), Defendant would show that his guilty plea was defective or that the sentence imposed was unreasonable. Defendant communicated to his Attorney that he demands an appeal, although no objections were raised at the hearing.

Undersigned counsel is filing this appeal pursuant to his ethical duty to his client and Defendant's constitutional right to appeal. See Frazer v. South Carolina, 430 F.3d 696, 706 (4th Cir. 2005) ("A defendant has a right to pursue a direct appeal, even if frivolous, which counsel must assist as 'an active advocate in behalf of his client.'") (quoting Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)).

Because no objections were raised at the time of the plea or the sentence, I do not believe there are any issues that the Court of Appeals is able to rule upon. However, the Court still gives you an opportunity to state any grounds which you believe may be addressed by the court and state your reasoning for that belief. If you choose to continue your appeal, you must state these grounds as well as your reasons in writing, and you must do so promptly.

You will have twenty (20) days from the date of my letter (November 24, 2020) to submit the reasons for your appeal. If you fail to respond in a timely manner, your appeal will be dismissed.

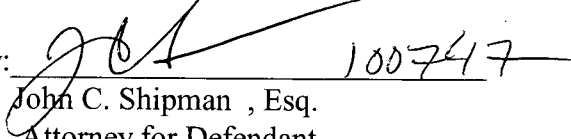
Send your response to the following address:

**South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211.**

Very truly yours,

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Re: The State v. William D. Willingham II
Appellate Case No. 2020-001530

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your explanation for appealing.

Please forward your explanation to your client, along with a statement that your client has twenty (20) days from the date of your transmittal letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please provide your client with the Court's address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Please send your letter to your client within ten (10) days, with a copy to this Court, or this appeal will be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

V. Claire Allen

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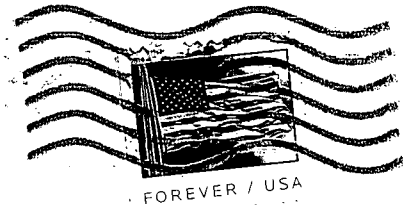
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