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Mr. James Alforth Johnson
SCDC # 00178781
C/O Kirkland Correctional Institution
4344 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: State v. James Alforth Johnson
Appellate Case No: 2020-001584

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have filed an appeal of your guilty plea, per your request. In my correspondence that accompanied my filing to the Court of Appeals, I cited Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv), my assertion of this rule means that I could not find a good faith basis for any legal or factual issues with your guilty plea that could be properly addressed upon appeal. Nevertheless, I have filed an appeal per your request to preserve your rights in this case.

If you would like your Appeal to continue you must write to the Court of Appeals to inform them of any arguable basis that you have that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please write to the Court of Appeals at the following address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29221

You have 20 days from the date of this letter to write to the Court of Appeals. According to the instructions from the Court of Appeals, I have forwarded a copy of this letter to the Court. I have also forwarded a copy of this letter to the Appellate Defender's Office. I have also enclosed a copy of the letter from the Court of Appeals which instructed me to send you this letter. Finally, I have enclosed a copy of Rule 203 of the Appeals Court Rules, please note the section on appeals from guilty pleas.

Sincerely,
COPY
Jason Bridges, Esq.

CC: South Carolina Court of Appeals
Office of Appellate Defense

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