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SC Court of Appeals

Re: State v. Steven Michael Jordan
Appellate Case No.: 2021-000693

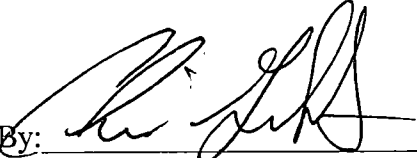
Dear Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence sent to my client, Steven M. Jordan today, July 6 2021. The correspondence contains the instructions the Court requested I provide to Mr. Jordan in its July 1, 2021 letter.

If I need to do anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me and let me know. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

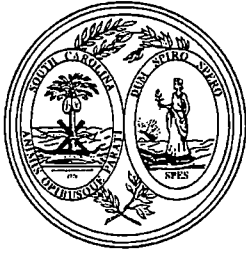
Very truly yours,

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Warrant/Ticket No(s): 2019A2330207528; W23190569; 2019A2330207529;
2019A2330207530; 2019A2330207531; 2019A2330207532;
2019A2330207533; 2019A2330207534

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I received confirmation from the Court of Appeals that your appeal was received. The court has requested that I forward my explanation for appealing your sentence again, which is enclosed in this correspondence. The court also requests that I inform you that you have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to inform the Court of Appeals in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal in your case. **If you do not respond to the Court of Appeals within the time limit above your appeal will be dismissed.** The address for sending that explanation is as follows:

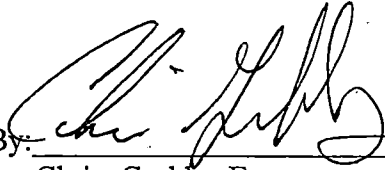
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Columbia, SC 29211.

I am enclosing an envelope addressed to the Court for your convenience. Also please note that I am copying the Court of Appeals on this letter per their instruction.

Should you have any questions regarding these requests, please do not hesitate to contact to me.

Very truly yours,

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South Carolina Court of Appeals

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Appellate Court

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Letitia H. Verdin, Circuit Court Judge

Case No(s): 2019-GS-2308801, 2019-GS-2308799

The State,

Respondent.

v.

Steven Michael Jordan,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Steven Michael Jordan appeals his sentence by way of a guilty plea in this case. The sentence was imposed in Appellant's absence over Defense Counsel's objection by the Honorable Letitia H. Verdin on May 19, 2021. The sentence was subsequently sealed. The sentence was published by the Honorable Edward W. Miller in open court to Appellant on June 14, 2021.

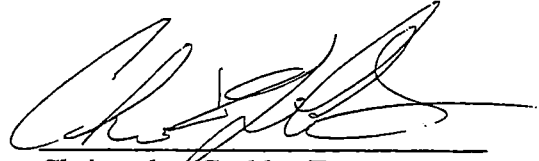
Appellant entered into a Guilty Plea Agreement with the State wherein Appellant agreed to be sentenced in his absence should he not be present at his sentencing hearing. Appellant entered his plea on February 5, 2020 and sentence was deferred. Appellant's sentencing hearing was scheduled for May 19, 2021. Appellant failed to appear for his sentencing hearing. Appellant's counsel argued that Appellant should not be sentenced in his absence as there was no prejudice to the state, and either way a warrant would be issued for Appellant's arrest. The Court overruled Appellant's objections, and sentenced Appellant and sealed the sentence.

Appellant was arrested and transported to court on June 14, 2021 for the purpose of the Court publishing his sentence. The sentence was unsealed and read in court with Appellant present.

Other than objections placed on the record at the sentencing hearing held on May 19, 2021, Appellant's counsel is aware of no other appellate issues, and this appeal was filed on request of Appellant.

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Date: June 23, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Grubbs', written over a horizontal line.

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