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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Appellate Court

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Letitia H. Verdin, Circuit Court Judge

2021-000687

The State..... Respondent,

v.

Kent Eric Washington..... Appellant.

Motion to Reinstate Appeal

This Court dismissed the above referenced appeal for failure of the Appellant to timely serve the Respondent. Pursuant to Rule 221(a), SCAR, Appellant now moves this Court to reinstate the appeal, based on the following reasons:

1. Following a multi-day trial, Judge Verdin imposed upon Appellant a twenty-two (22) year sentence after a jury convicted him of Failure to Stop for a Blue Light Resulting in Death and Felony DUI – Death. On June 23, 2021, Counsel for Appellant filed what he believed to be a timely notice of appeal along with a certificate of service evincing service on Respondents on that same day.

2. Upon review, it appears the late notice to Respondents was due to a misinterpretation of the rules regarding service of notice on Respondents. Specifically, a belief that the weekend was not included in the ten (10) calculation. Appellant respectfully asserts that a three (3) day delay in serving the notice of appeal on Respondents did not result in any prejudice to Respondents. Importantly, Appellant asserts there are serious issues of law arising from the trial of this case that deserve to be reviewed on appeal by this Honorable Court.

3. In the interest justice, Appellant respectfully requests this Honorable Court reinstate this appeal and allow Appellant to assert any legal issues he has regarding his conviction and sentencing.



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VS.)

KENT ERIC WASHINGTON,)
DEFENDANT.)

IN THE APPELLATE COURT)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE)


I, the undersigned Paralegal of the law office of Randall L. Chambers, do hereby certify that I have served all counsel of record this the 23rd day of July, 2021, in this action with a copy of the Motion to Reinstate Appeal herein below specified by emailing a copy to the following address(es):

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