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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
1015 Sumter Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: The State v. Kent Eric Washington  
Appellate Case Number 2021-000687

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The State received Appellant's Motion to Reinstate Appeal. Please accept this letter in lieu of a formal response. Based on the timing of the service of the Notice of Appeal, the State believes this Court correctly dismissed the appeal. See State v. Devore, 416 S.C. 115, 119, 784 S.E.2d 690, 692 (Ct. App. 2016) ("The requirement of service of the notice of appeal is jurisdictional, i.e., if a party misses the deadline, the appellate court lacks jurisdiction to consider the appeal and has no authority or discretion to 'rescue' the delinquent party by extending or ignoring the deadline for service of the notice." (quoting USAA Prop. & Cas. Ins. Co. v. Clegg, 377 S.C. 643, 651, 661 S.E.2d 791, 795 (2008))); Rule 203(b)(2), SCACR ("After a plea or trial resulting in conviction . . . , a notice of appeal shall be served on all respondents within ten (10) days after the sentence is imposed."). If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

cc: Randall L. Chambers, Esquire  
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## Caroline Collins

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**From:** Caroline Collins  
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**Cc:** William Blicht  
**Subject:** The State v. Kent Eric Washington (2021-000687)  
**Attachments:** WASHINGTON Kent - Informal Return to Motion to Reinstate - 2021-000687 (02654403xD2C78).PDF

Good Afternoon Mr. Chambers,

Attached please find a copy of an informal return to the Motion to Reinstate filed in The State v. Kent Eric Washington (2021-000687). This document will be submitted to the South Carolina Court of Appeals today via the AIS One Drive System.

If you will, please reply to confirm receipt.

Thank you!

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