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Dear Court,

My name is Adonis K. Williams and my case No. is 2018-001688. At this time I have my Petition for Writ of Certiorari and my White v. State belated Appeal both in the Supreme Court of South Carolina. This letter is in reference to my Trial Attorney MARK SCHNEE being disbarred in February 10, 2021 due to various legal ethical and Professional Violations. Mr. Schnee was originally appointed as my Public Defender to represent me in March 2009 for the charges of Kidnapping, Armed Robbery, and Burglary 1st Degree. I believe from that point forward that Mr. Schnee failed to provide competent representation and that he also violated various South Carolina Rules of Court. In this letter I would like to point out some of the reasons that I feel this way and ask that the Court take consideration of my case.

In 2009 April, Mr. Schnee represented me at my bond hearing. At that hearing the victim wrote an IMPACT Statement and Richland County Sheriff's and Investigators testified that after the initial crime, I chased the victim down in a Dark Blue or Black vehicle and that I vandalized the victim's vehicle at a Citgo Gas Station. This incident was captured on video and was called the Intimidation after the crime. I told Mr. Schnee that

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that was not true and I urged him to go to the Citgo and get a copy of the video because I was innocent of the crime and vandalism. Mr. Schnee stated to me that he would not waste time doing that because Richland County Deputies had already gotten a copy. This video was the strongest piece of evidence that I would have been able to present in my defense. It would have shown that I was at the Citgo that morning, that I arrived on a bicycle and left on a bicycle, also it would have shown that I wore an Army Jacket, PJAMA pants, and Black house slippers. The video would have shown me inside and outside the store. It would have proven that I could not have been the assailant. Due to Mr. Schnee's lack of diligence and incompetence I lost out on the video due to it self recording. I was left to depend on Richland County Investigators seven minutes of video which still did not show me nor any other Black male but a white male. I raised this issue at my 2016 P.C.R. Hearing and Mr. Schnee claimed I never asked him to get the video which was untrue. I would like the Court to take deep consideration of this video because it will show that not only Mr. Schnee lied, but also the victim and Richland County Investigators being that the video showed a white male and not a Black male. This piece of evidence was critical as it related to IDENTITY.

I later proceeded to my first trial and was represented by Byron Gibson. Mr. Gibson raised numerous issues relating to the identity of the assailant during his cross examination of the victim. The victim wrote statements saying that the assailant told her that he was from Pennsylvania, that he worked on a farm feeding pigs and chickens, that he was robbing her to pay alimony or child support, and that the robber had a dialect.

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That trial resulted in a Hung Jury and I believe it was because I am not from Pennsylvania, never worked a farm, never had to pay alimony nor child support, and I did not have a dialect. Due to Mr. Schnee's incompetence and ineffective assistance, he never raised these issues at trial to show the Jury that the assailant was not me. I believe that this lack of competence played a major part in the guilty verdict at my second trial in which I was represented by Mr. Schnee.

The next issue is the CellPhone which was taken from the inside of my girl friend Ms. Dawn Sheas home. Richland County Investigators never had a search warrant for her home or the Cell Phone. They went to her home with a Consent to search for a Jacket, a hat, and a gun which was not discovered. The Prosecutor Ms. Luck Campbell told the Judge that there was a search warrant and that the warrant covered the house and phone. Mr. Schnee agreed that there was a warrant for the home which was false. Mr. Schnee had my Rule 5 Motion of Discovery for months and had he done a thorough investigation of those documents, he would have known that there was never a search warrant period. Due to his lack of diligence and incompetence my 4th Amendment Rights to the United States Constitution was violated and the Fruits of a Poisonous Tree was allowed to enter my trial. Pictures were taken of text messages from the phone that was allowed in as evidence of flight. Mr. Schnee was ineffective in this instance and this ineffective assistance contributed to the guilty verdict.

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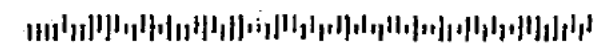
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