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**SC Court of Appeals**

Steven Stokes  
717 Kings Road  
Orangeburg, SC 29115

**Re: State v. Steven Jorod Stokes**

Charge(s): Domestic / Domestic Violence, 2nd degree  
Warrant/Ticket No(s): 2021A3820800001

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Please find enclosed a letter from the South Carolina Court of Appeals regarding your case. You have twenty (20) days from the date above to write a letter to the Court of Appeals about why you are appealing. You will need to tell the Court what you think went wrong in court and what you would like to see the Appellate Court do to help you. You will need to send the letter to: South Carolina Court of Appeals, P.O. Box 11629, Columbia, SC 29211.

I have also enclosed a copy of the Appeal I filed on your behalf. As I have previously explained to you, you have a right to appeal your guilty plea. However, I am required to inform the court of any arguable basis for an appeal. In your case I do not believe there is an arguable basis for appeal.

Please remember that you have twenty (20) days from the date above to send your letter to the Court of Appeals. If you do not respond, your appeal will automatically be dismissed. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ORANGEBURG COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Jason B. Turnblad, Esq.  
Assistant Public Defender

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Enclosure: As Stated.  
cc: South Carolina Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, )  
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COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG. )  
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State of South Carolina, )  
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vs. )  
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Steven Jorod Stokes )  
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Appellant. )

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

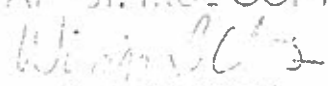
2021GS38-0469

ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

Due and legal service of the within *Notice of Appeal and Explanation of Appeal* by the attorney for the above defendant, in the above entitled action is hereby accepted and a copy retained by Solicitor, David M. Pascoe, Jr., in Orangeburg, South Carolina, this 2 day of September 2021.

ORANGEBURG COURT CLERK

  
Solicitor

ATTEST: TRUE COPY  
  
CLERK OF COURT  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SC

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM ORANGEBURG COUNTY  
The Honorable Maite Murphy, Circuit Court Judge

Case No: 2021GS38-0469

The State . . . . . Respondent

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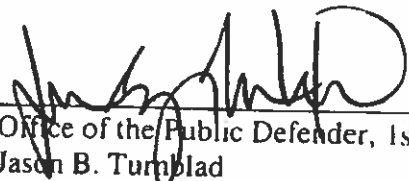
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ORANGEBURG, SC  
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Steven Stokes appeals his guilty plea and sentence in this case. The sentence was imposed by The Honorable Maite Murphy, on August 30, 2021. Counsel for the defense orally made a Motion to Reconsider or in the alternative a Motion to Withdraw the Guilty Plea on September 1, 2021. Said motion was not granted and the defendant now appeals the motion along with the guilty plea and sentence.

September 01, 2021

  
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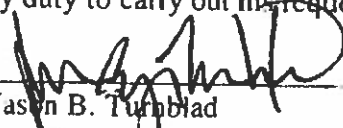
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EXPLANATION OF APPEAL

Steven Stokes appeals his guilty plea and sentence in the aforementioned cases. It is my opinion that there is no legal basis for this appeal. After his guilty plea, Mr. Stokes expressed his desire to appeal his sentence. As his attorney, it is my duty to carry out his request.

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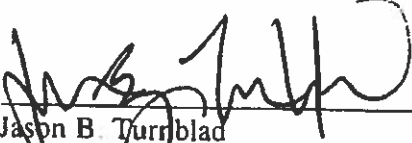
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal and Explanation of Appeal on Catherine Hunter, Assistant Solicitor for Orangeburg County, by hand delivering a copy of it to the Orangeburg County Solicitor's Office at 151 Docket Street, Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115, on September 2nd, 2021. The Notice of Appeal and Explanation of Appeal was clocked in the Orangeburg County Clerk of Court's Office on September 2nd, 2021.

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