

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT
APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-000675

JERMAINE CORNELIUS HARRIS)

Petitioner,)

v.)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

Respondent.)

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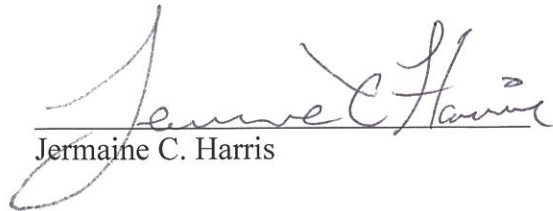
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AFFIDAVIT OF JERMAINE C. HARRIS

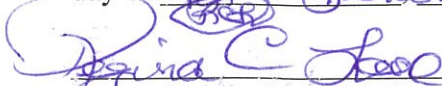
PERSONALLY appeared before me, Jermaine C. Harris, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Petitioner in the above captioned case.
2. In the January 2015 term, I was indicted by the Richland County Grand Jury for robbery/armed robbery.
3. On January 14, 2015, I pled guilty to armed robbery (2015-GS-40-00224) in front of the Honorable Robert E. Hood. I was represented by Constantine Pournaras. Judge Hood sentenced me to fifteen years' imprisonment.
4. On August 31, 2016, I had a post-conviction relief (PCR) hearing held before the Honorable Jocelyn Newman. I was represented by Jonathon D. Waller. On May 26, 2021, Judge Newman denied my PCR application.
5. On July 20, 2021, my case was assigned to Victor Seeger, Esquire with the Office of Appellate Defense. On December 21, 2021, I spoke to Mr. Seeger by phone regarding my intention to withdraw my post-conviction relief appeal.
6. On December 21, 2021, I requested that Mr. Seeger send me a "drop affidavit" to drop my post-conviction relief appeal and, on December 23, 2021 I wrote Mr. Seeger a letter reiterating my desire to drop my appeal.
7. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of my PCR application, and that, because I am indigent, I am entitled to the assistance of an attorney from the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense. I have been informed that if I drop my post-conviction relief appeal I forever waive those issues that could be raised, including in Federal Court.

8. In light of the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense drop the post-conviction relief appeal formerly filed on my behalf.
9. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
10. I do not wish to appeal.


Jermaine C. Harris

SWORN TO before me this 12th
day of January 2023

 (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 12/31/2024

Regina C. Lane
Notary Public, State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires Dec. 31, 2024