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April 13, 2022

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, S.C. Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: State v. Christopher E. Blitchington

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Mr. Blitchington has decided to drop his appeal, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit. I have reviewed with him the consequences of dropping the appeal and am in agreement with his decision. Because he has been informed of the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing this appeal, I believe he has made his decision knowingly and voluntarily.

I respectfully request that an order be issued dismissing this appeal. By copy of this letter, I am informing William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire, of my client's decision.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Victor R. Seeger
Appellate Defender

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Enclosure

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF AIKEN)
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)
)
Respondent,)
v.)
CHRISTOPHER E. BLITCHINGTON)
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Appellant)

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA
COURT OF APPEALS
Appellate Case No. 2021-001386

AFFIDAVIT OF
CHRISTOPHER E. BLITCHINGTON

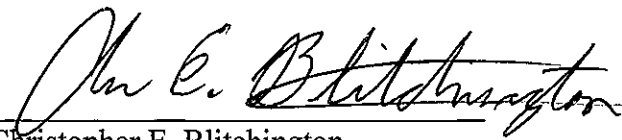
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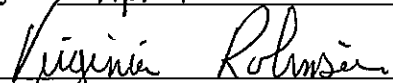
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PERSONALLY, appeared before me, Christopher E. Blitchington, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Appellant in the above captioned case.
2. I understand that I am entitled to an appeal of my conviction, 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 direct appeal that I forever waive those issues that could be raised.
3. On March 22, 2022, I spoke with Appellate Counsel, Victor R. Seeger, and informed him of my desire to drop my direct appeal.
4. Understanding the risks which have been explained to me, it is my desire that the South Carolina Office of Appellate Defense withdraw the notice appeal formerly filed on my behalf.
5. I have made this decision on my own, with a full understanding of all the possible consequences of this action.
6. I do not wish to appeal.


Christopher E. Blitchington

SWORN TO before me this 6
day of April, 2022.


Notary Public for South Carolina (L.S.)

My Commission Expires: April 21, 2031