

Court of Appeals/Ms. Jenny A Kitchens,

I'm addressing the issue concerning the letter I received on March 30, 2022. In which I have waited a month for a response. On January 12, 2022, I was sentenced to 15 years. My trial attorney Mr. John O'Leary filed a Notice of Appeal with Circuit Court and The Court of Appeals. I've made every attempt to reach out to everyone regarding my appeal with the help of family. Circuit Court and The Court of Appeals. With little success. I was made aware that there was no brief attached the last week of March 2022. The Notice of Appeal was clocked on January 24, 2022, from the Court of appeals. I was sure it was submitted in correctly. I've spoken to the Court of Appeals on several occasions after I received clocked copy. No one ever mentioned that a brief was not included. Therefore, there wasn't anything to appeal. The same day I was sentenced I request that an appeal be filed due to error. My trial attorney agreed. Whom ever files the appeal first will file the initial brief. Mr. O'Leary submitted the appeal on my behalf, so I assumed everything was included correctly. I couldn't retain Mr. O'Leary to represent me due to substantial cost and other various reasons. That was the reason behind me writing to the Court of Appeal requesting representation. Which was sent early February of 2022. Mr. O'Leary performance fail below an objective standard of reasonableness. I originally filed a motion to receive discovery material prior to obtaining Mr. O'Leary. I never received any of the material prior to trial. Mr. O'Leary also filed a motion for the discovery material. It never reached me. Mr. O'Leary took me to trial without me ever having a chance to explore the evidence I had against me. The only time I have spoken to Mr. O'Leary regarding trial, is when I have reached out to him. After making numerous calls and sending emails to him about the issues we were encountering with the Court of Appeals. Mr. O'Leary seem to have very little understanding of the mistakes that he has made with representing me. Mr. John O'Leary also continued to stay on my case in efforts to block me from retaining counsel. Due to me not being able to retain a paid attorney. So, there was times I've reached out to the Clerks at the Court of Appeals. They've spoken with Mr. O'Leary as well. Explained to him & his associates that certain things must be done. He failed to act with hopes that the appeal would exceed the time allotment. So that I lose my rights to an appeal forever. In fact, Mr. O'Leary law firm was also made aware of the issue by Elizabeth Carter ctapfilings@sccourts.org On January 29, 2022. Mr. O'Leary failed to address concerns about potential prosecutorial misconduct and juror misconduct. I never received a fair trial. Also, I have received every notice of changes with court dates. The first trial date was set for 10/11/21. Then cancel by Judge McKinnon. Moved to 11/29/21 then moved to 01/10/22. On 01/10/22 I contacted Mr. O'Leary on the day of trial. Mr. O'Leary stated that the courts were going to wait until tomorrow. So, trial started on the next day 01/11/22. Mr. O'Leary went along with prosecutor with hiding the resisting arrest which involved an officer who was fired and charged with assault and battery during controversial arrest. Prosecutor Mr. Joshua Thomas walks up to Judge Hall Podium screams "NO" don't show the video. Mr. Joshua Thomas also stated that they had adopted the case. The fired officer was acquitted and now is running for city council. My right where substantially violated. I had to find out from family that a juror was dismissed due to wearing a shirt with a confederate flag. That should have been enough for a mistrial. Not to mention prior to trial my attorney mentioned how racist York County is and how they will hand pick jurors from the back of their building for the verdict to go in their favor. It explains a lot. I would like to continue to raise the issue on how grossly ineffective my attorney was. I also would like to raise the issue of Prosecutorial misconduct. Mr. Joshua Thomas didn't seem sure of how to handle the case. Mr. Joshua Thomas failed to disclose exculpatory evidence. I was not able to see the video footage before sentencing which was part of my Motion of Discovery. My family was able to obtain footage and it has been sent out to different sources. With my permission. It was brought to my attention Officer

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Austin with Rock Hill Police Department is seen putting evidence in a vanilla envelope which was titled 044 contents for gun. Also, Officer Austin is seen dropping a black bag into the envelope as well. Which looked like it contains a substance of some sort. Officer Austin never states that it was drugs. He holds the vanilla envelope up so you can't see exactly what it is on camera . I was falsely charged with resisting arrest. When in fact I was not resisting. The Video titled P2010060200. Mp4. 14:05 . Clearly shows in video. It's never Ok look past the fact that it involved an officer who was fired and charged with assault and battery. To initiate a political agenda. To only be acquitted a week after I was sentenced. Mr. Joshua Thomas allowed it to be kept out of trial for various reason. I had no idea that the fired officer Mr. Jonathan Moreno would be going to trial the following week. Referring to 16th Circuit Court comment. Officer located a substantial quantity of crack cocaine on the ground by the driver's side door and a loaded .45 Caliber pistol under driver's seat. Which was listed stolen from a citizen of Rock Hill. 16th circuit court comment was posted publicly. The amount of drug that was found on the ground was .1.15g. I'm sure that would not make it a substantial amount. If in fact I had a stolen firearm. Why wasn't I charged with having a stolen firearm? Why where certain facts hide or withheld from trial. Also 16th Circuit forgot to mention that a juror was dismissed for wearing shirt with a confederate flag. During deliberation two jurors were allowed to go out for smoke breaks. Fabricating of evidence violates my Fourth Amendment. I will continue to move forward on the matter. I do thank you for responding. I would like for this to go into my file. Further Action will be taken.

Ramon R Hope

04/05/2022

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) CASE NO: 2020A4620302398 thru 2400 &)
2020A4620302436

COUNTY OF YORK)

State of South Carolina,)

vs.)

Ramon R. Hope,)

Defendant.)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAL
(PRO SE)

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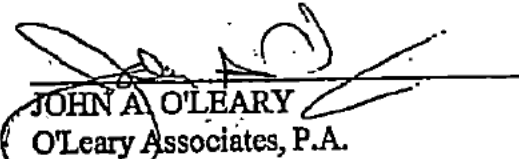
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I, the undersigned employee of O'Leary Associates, P.A., attorneys for Ramon R. Hope, certify that I have served the foregoing document(s) on the individual(s) listed below on January 13, 2022 by placing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and return address clearly affixed to the following address:

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 vs.)
) **MOTION TO WITHDRAW**
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 Defendant.)
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John A. O'Leary, attorney for the Defendant, and moves this Honorable Court to officially withdraw as counsel of record.

This motion is based on the grounds that representation in this matter is concluded per the terms of the Contract for Representation and that Defendant, Ramon R. Hope has expressed in correspondence to counsel that he does not wish representation to continue.

Therefore, counsel respectfully requests that this court officially relieve him from further representation of the Defendant in this matter and record counsel as "inactive" on the public index.

Respectfully submitted,



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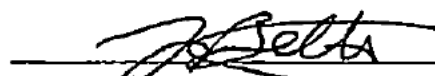
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Good morning,

I wish to thank Elizabeth Carter for calling and speaking with me this morning. The *Notice of Intent to Appeal by Pro Se Defendant* was filed in the Circuit Court and our office mistakenly thought it had to be filed with the Court of Appeals in the same way an original Notice of Appeal would be.

Thank you again for clearing that up! We just didn't want to lose Mr. Hopes right to appeal. His file with our office is now closed.

Have a lovely day!

Sincerely,

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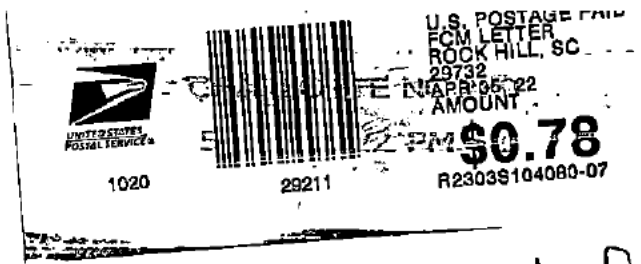
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