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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA
COURT OF APPEALS

THE STATE,

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LANCASTER, SC

STATEMENT OF APPELLANT'S COUNSEL
REGARDING REQUEST FOR APPEAL
OF GUILTY PLEA

VS.

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Ronvarus D Henderson

JUN 13 2022

Defendant.

SC Court of Appeals

Appellant's Statement of Facts

The defendant was charged in Chester County General Sessions Court on or about December 15, 2019 with one count of Grand Larceny, value more than \$2,000, but less than \$10,000 and on or about January 24th, 2020 with Burglary, 1st Degree, and on or about April 18th, 2021 with Pointing and Possessing a Firearm, two (2) counts, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Distribution of Methamphetamines, 2nd Offense, Possession of less than one gram of Methamphetamines or Cocaine, 2nd Offense, Manufacturing, Distribution or Possession of a Schedule I, II or III substance, 3rd offense, two (2) counts, Possession of a Narcotic, Schedule I or II, 3rd offense, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Schedule I to V, 2nd or subsequent offense, and on or about July 26th, 2021 with Failure to Stop for a Blue Light, no injury or death, 1st offense and Resisting Arrest (a) and Sale or Delivery of a Pistol to unlawful persons, two (2) counts, Trafficking in Methamphetamines or Cocaine, more than 10 grams, but less than 28 grams, 2nd offense, Manufacturing or Possession of a Schedule IV substance with intent to distribute, Possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime, two (2) counts. The Defendant, upon information and belief, had been indicted on all charges by the Lancaster County Grand Jury on different dates for his respective charge(s).

The defendant, after consultation with his attorney, agreed to enter a plea of guilty on May 24, 2022 to the charges of Failure to Stop for a Blue Light, Resisting Arrest, Sale or Delivery of a Pistol to, or and possession by, certain persons unlawful, serial number on pistol altered or removed, two (2) counts, Manufacturing of Schedule IV drugs with intent to distribute, 2nd offense, Trafficking in Methamphetamines or Cocaine, more than 10 grams, but less than 28 grams, 2nd offense and Possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime with a negotiated sentencing range of 8-15 years in the Department of Corrections. The Honorable DeAndrea G Benjamin accepted the plea and sentenced


the defendant to 3 years for the Failure to Stop for a Blue Light, 1 year for the Resisting Arrest, 5 years for each of the sale of a pistol charges, 12 years for the Trafficking Methamphetamines, 2nd offense and 5 years for the Possession of a pistol during the commission of a violent offense. All sentences were to run concurrently, and defendant was given credit for 622 days' time already served in the Lancaster County Detention Center. Defendant was to be screened by SCDC for ATU treatment and a mental health evaluation. Additionally, all Defendant's remaining charges in Lancaster County were to be Nolle Prossed by the Solicitor's Office.

Issues on Appeal

Subsequent to his guilty plea, the defendant requested his counsel to file an appeal regarding this plea. Pursuant to Rule 203(b)(2) and(d) SCACR, defendant's counsel is filing this appeal.

However, after a review of the facts of this case and guilty plea, defendant's counsel finds there is no issue for appeal and believes it to be without merit.

May 31, 2022


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Mr. Ronvarus D. Henderson
Inmate #: 295569
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Columbia, SC 29210

Re: State v. Henderson
Appellate Case No.: 2022-000796

Dear Mr. Henderson:

At your request, as conveyed to me by your family, I filed an appeal from your guilty pleas of May 24, 2022. The caption listed above is the appeals case number. When an appeal is filed, I am required by court rule to provide a statement of any issues I think should be dealt with on appeal. I have put a copy of that with this letter – I was not aware of any legal issues, so I had to tell the Court that. This does not mean you cannot appeal, only that I did not know of any legal issues where I felt the Judge had made a mistake.

The Court of Appeals then sent me a letter, which I got today, June 10th, 2022. I have a copy of it with this letter, too. It says that you must let the Court of Appeals know **IN WRITING** of any issues that they should handle in this appeal. Their address is:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Your letter should include your appeal case name and number (2022-00796). You will have to send it to them within twenty (20) days from the date of this letter. Please do not delay, or your appeal may be dismissed.

Sincerely,


P John Freeman
Assistant Public Defender

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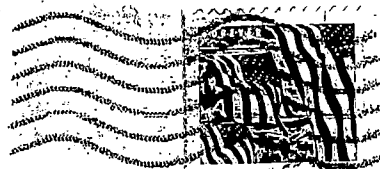
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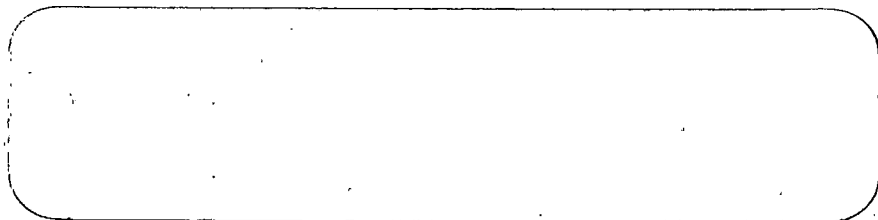
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