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Re: *People v. Jeffrey Allen*, H012345

CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY CLIENT COMMUNICATION

Mr. Allen:

I have reviewed the record in your case and researched possible issues. Unfortunately, I have not found any significant errors made in the superior court which would entitle you to a reversal or a reduction of your sentence. I will file in the Court of Appeal a brief informing it that I found no issues and requesting it to review the record itself to determine if there are any grounds for appeal.

You will have an opportunity to file a supplemental brief with the Court of Appeal within 30 days of me filing the brief. I will continue to be available to brief any issues upon invitation of the court. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

In the alternative, you might decide to dismiss the appeal. The advantage of dismissing an appeal is that sometimes the court forgets to impose certain penalties which are required by law. The penalties can be added at any time if the authorities are made aware of the mistake. Sometimes, no one notices any mistakes even if you do pursue an appeal. Sometimes, someone notices even if you do not seek an appeal. By pursuing an appeal, however, you increase the chance that someone might notice something. I did not notice any penalties the court failed to impose, so I believe the risk of pursuing an appeal is low. However, since I can find no grounds for relief, even a low risk may not be worth it. If you wish to dismiss the appeal (called an abandonment), please sign and return to me the enclosed form. I will not submit a request to dismiss your appeal unless you clearly state you wish the appeal be dismissed.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Grossman
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Enclosures

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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIXTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,) H012345
Plaintiff and Respondent,)
) (Santa Clara County
v.) Superior Court No.
) 123456)
JEFFREY ALLEN,)
Defendant and Appellant.)
_____)

ABANDONMENT OF APPEAL

Pursuant to rules 8.244(c) and 8.316, California Rules of Court,
Appellant hereby abandons his appeal and requests that it be dismissed.

DATED: _____
Jeffrey Allen

I agree with the decision to dismiss the appeal.

DATED: _____
Jonathan Grossman
Counsel for Appellant