

# COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA

## RETURN NOTICE

July 15, 2015

To: Mr. Lonnie Whatley, Reg. No. 59541-019, United States Penitentiary - Atlanta, Post Office Box 150160, Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Lower Court: \_\_\_\_\_ County Superior Court

Court of Appeals Case Number and Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Your document(s) is (are) being returned for the following reason(s).

- There is no case pending in the Court of Appeals of Georgia under your name.**
- A Notice of Appeal is filed with the clerk of the trial court and not with the Court of Appeals of Georgia. See OCGA §5-6-37.** Once the trial court clerk has received and filed the Notice of Appeal, the trial court clerk will prepare a copy of the record and transcripts as designated by the Notice of Appeal and transmit them to this Court. Once the Notice of Appeal is docketed in the Court of Appeals of Georgia, a Docketing Notice with the Briefing Schedule and other important information is mailed to counsel for the parties or directly to the parties, if the parties are representing themselves. You do not need to provide this Court with a copy of the Notice of Appeal you filed with the superior court.
- The Notice of Appeal must include a proper Certificate of Service.** A Certificate of Service must show service to the opposing counsel and contain the counsel's full name and complete mailing address. The opposing counsel must actually be served with a copy of your filing.
- An Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus should be filed in the superior court of the county in which you claim you are illegally detained.** An appeal from a denial of an Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus is to the Supreme Court and not the Court of Appeals.
- An Application for Writ of Mandamus should be filed in the superior court of the county official whose conduct you intend to mandate.** An appeal from a denial of an Application for Writ of Mandamus is to the Supreme Court and not the Court of Appeals.
- Your appeal was disposed by opinion (order) on \_\_\_\_\_.** The Court of Appeals \_\_\_\_\_ . The remittitur issued on \_\_\_\_\_ divesting this Court of jurisdiction. The case decision is therefore final.
- Your mailing/documents indicate that you intended to file your papers in another court rather than the Court of Appeals of Georgia.** The address of the Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_ is: \_\_\_\_\_
- If an attorney has been appointed for you and you are concerned with the representation provided by that attorney, you should address that issue to the trial court.** As long as you are represented by an attorney, you cannot file pleadings on your own behalf. Your attorney must file a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel and it must be granted, before you can file your own pleadings in this Court.
- A request for an out-of-time appeal should be made to the trial court from which you are appealing.** If your motion is denied by the trial court, you can file an appeal of that decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with the clerk of the superior court.
- Your request for court action must be submitted in motion form. Rule 41 (a) The Statement Regarding Oral Argument must be in motion form. Your Brief has been docketed.**

I have enclosed a copy of the Rules of the Court of Appeals for your review.

STATEMENT REGARDING ORAL ARGUMENT

THE APPELLANT REQUEST ORAL ARGUMENT. DEFENDANT  
PROCEED PRO SE AT HIS TRIAL AND SENTENCING HEARING.  
DEFENDANT IS FAMILIAR WITH THE RECORD AND WITH THE  
LEGAL ISSUES RAISED IN THIS APPEAL. ORAL ARGUMENT  
WOULD ASSIST THE COURT IN DECIDING THE ISSUES  
RAISED HERE.

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STATE OF GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA,  
Plaintiff[s],

vs.

Case No. A15A1357

LONNIE WHATLEY,  
Defendant.

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DIRECT APPEAL OF A CRIMINAL CASE  
FROM THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SUPERIOR  
COURT, DOUGLASVILLE, GEORGIA



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