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Superior Court

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Jennifer Haggar, Clerk
Rockingham County Superior Court
PO Box 1258
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RE: State of New Hampshire v. Brandon Castiglione
Rockingham County, 218-2019-CR-1132

Dear Clerk Haggar,

This will acknowledge receipt of Defendant's Application for Sentence Review in connection with the above-captioned matter.

There have been changes to the rules of the Sentence Review Division (effective March 1, 2013) which permit the Board to review the pleadings and the transcript and summarily affirm without a hearing. As a result, the Clerks of Court have been asked to discontinue the practice of automatically appointing counsel when an application for sentence review is filed.

If the Board determines that a hearing is necessary, the parties will be so notified. At that time, if the defendant wishes to have counsel appointed for sentence review, he/she must file a financial affidavit with the sentencing court and request that counsel be appointed for the purpose of sentence review **ONLY**. Upon notification from the court that counsel has been appointed, a hearing will be scheduled and a formal Notice of Hearing will be forthcoming. If the Board summarily affirms the sentence(s) without a hearing, the parties will be notified of the decision immediately.

The Sentence Review Division WILL NOT be requesting the preparation of the sentencing transcript. It will be the responsibility of the party requesting sentence review to make arrangements directly with the transcript provider to secure a copy of the sentencing transcript, and to then provide a copy to the Sentence Review Board.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Holly Aquizap".

Holly Aquizap
Clerk

pc: Honorable David W. Ruoff