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18 September 1998

Ms. Estie Bennington  
Clerk of Court  
Guilford County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 3008  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27402

Re: State v. Ronnie Lee Kimble  
Guilford County  
97 23485, 23654, 39580

Dear Ms. Bennington:

Enclosed for filing in your office is a Notice that we are declining the appointment in the above-captioned case due to our heavy caseload.

The Appellate Entries form provides for the appointment of W. David Lloyd and John B. Hatfield as alternate appellate counsel, in the event the Appellate Defender declines. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Hatfield are now responsible for perfecting this appeal.

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding a copy of the Notice to all persons listed below.

Yours truly,

*M.R. Hunter, Jr.*

Malcolm Ray Hunter, Jr.  
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MRHjr:mbg  
Enclosures

cc's: Honorable Preston Cornelius  
Richard E. Panosh  
✓ W. David Lloyd  
John B. Hatfield  
Marsha Garlick  
Patricia Jaeger  
Ronnie Lee Kimble

*Thank David*

NORTH CAROLINA  
GUILFORD COUNTY

GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
97 CrS 23485, 23654, 39580

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
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 v. )  
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 RONNIE LEE KIMBLE )

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**NOTICE THAT THE OFFICE OF THE  
APPELLATE DEFENDER DECLINES APPOINTMENT**

TO: MS. ESTIE BENNINGTON, CLERK OF COURT  
HONORABLE PRESTON CORNELIUS, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE  
RICHARD E. PANOSH, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
W. DAVID LLOYD, ALTERNATE APPELLATE COUNSEL  
JOHN B. HATFIELD, ALTERNATE APPELLATE COUNSEL  
MARSHA GARLICK, COURT REPORTER  
PATRICIA JAEGER, COURT REPORTER  
RONNIE LEE KIMBLE, CENTRAL PRISON

The Office of the Appellate Defender, having been appointed to represent the above defendant by Appellate Entries dated 3 September 1998, and received by the Office of the Appellate Defender on 14 September 1998, and the Appellate Defender having determined that it is unable to prosecute the appeal promptly and expeditiously due to its caseload, and having received the authorization of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina pursuant to G.S. Sec. 7A-486.3(1), does hereby DECLINE said appointment.

This the 18th day of September, 1998.

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