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Re: *State v. Theodore Mead Kimble*  
COA 99-1518

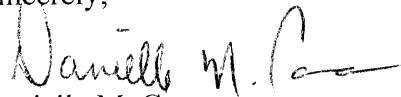
Dear Ted:

I regret to inform you that on December 19, 2000, the North Carolina Court of Appeals found that the issues we raised in our brief were not preserved for appellate review and, therefore, affirmed your convictions and sentence. I am enclosing a copy of the decision in your case.

I am in the process of reviewing the Court of Appeals' decision to see whether I think there is any chance of having the North Carolina Supreme Court review your case. If so, the deadline to file a petition for discretionary review in the Supreme Court is January 23, 2001.

I am very sorry that I am not able to report good news. I will be in touch with you within the next few weeks concerning your case.

Sincerely,



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