E. SCOTT BRADLEY JUDGE SUSSEX COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1 The Circle, Suite 2 GEORGETOWN, DE 19947

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Alfred J. Snead 20229 Wilking Road Lewes, DE 19958

## RE: State of Delaware v. Alfred J. Snead ID No. 0706020700 Letter Memorandum

Date Submitted: April 15, 2009

Dear Mr. Snead:

This is my decision on your Motion for Postconviction Relief. You were initially represented in this case by Thomas A. Pedersen, Esquire. You discharged Mr. Pedersen and hired Andre M. Beauregard, Esquire. You then, with Mr. Beauregard as your attorney, pled guilty to Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Vehicular Assault in the First Degree.

You now allege that Mr. Pedersen did not properly represent you. I have concluded that, given the posture of your case when you discharged Mr. Pedersen and hired Mr. Beauregard, that Mr. Pedersen's representation of you did not prejudice you in any way. I have reached this conclusion because after you hired Mr. Beauregard, I granted his request to continue the trial to allow Mr. Beauregard and you to take whatever actions you both thought were best. You decided to take a plea. Thus, since you had the time to take whatever actions you and Mr. Beauregard thought were best, Mr. Pedersen's representation of you did not influence your decision to take a plea. Therefore, your Motion for Postconviction Relief is without merit and, as such, is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Very truly yours,

E. Scott Bradley

cc: Prothonotary's Office Thomas A. Pedersen, Esquire Andre M. Beauregard, Esquire