Court of Appeals
of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, September 20, 2012

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A13A0142. JIMMY WAYNE WRIGHT v. THE STATE.

Jimmy Wayne Wright pled guilty to murder and felony murder, and he was sentenced to life in prison. Wright filed a motion to withdraw his guilty plea, which the trial court denied. Wright then filed a direct appeal in this Court.

Under our Constitution, the Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction over "[a]ll cases in which a sentence of death was imposed or could be imposed." See Ga. Const. of 1983, Art. VI, Sec. VI, Par. III (8). Because a penalty of death can be imposed for the crime of murder, jurisdiction is proper in the Supreme Court. See OCGA § 17-10-30 (b); *Neal v. State*, 290 Ga. 563, 572 (722 SE2d 765) (2012) (Hunstein, J., concurring); see also *State v. Thornton*, 253 Ga. 524 (322 SE2d 711) (1984) (directing this Court to transfer "all cases in which either a sentence of death or of life imprisonment has been imposed upon conviction of murder"); *McCrary v. State*, 215 Ga. 887 (1) (114 SE2d 133) (1960). Accordingly, Wright's appeal is hereby TRANSFERRED to the Supreme Court for disposition. See *McCrary*, supra.

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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 09/20/2012
I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.
Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

Kelly K. O. Lamar , *Clerk.*