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**SC Court of Appeals**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Kristi F. Curtis, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2019-GS-43-00053

State of South Carolina, Plaintiff,

Respondent,

v.

Demetrius Alexander Brown,  
Defendant

Appellant

**MOTION TO BE RELIEVED**

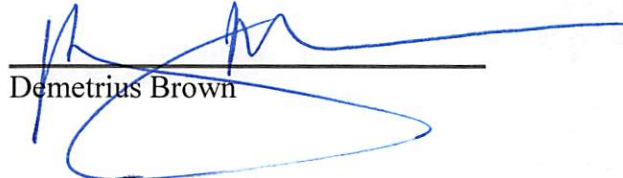
Demetrius Alexander Brown asks the Court to relieve counsel from further representation. The Appellant has filed for post-conviction relief for ineffective assistance of counsel. Demetrius Brown has consented to the motion, with his signature, below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**I CONSENT:**



Demetrius Brown

Camden, South Carolina  
September 27, 2022

**Other Counsel of Record:**

**Solicitor**

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**Client**

Demetrius Alexander Brown  
SCDC ID No. 00378276  
1578 Clarence Coker Highway  
Turbeville, South Carolina 29162

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY

COUNTY OF Sumter )

Case Name S.C. v. Demetrius Alexander Brown

Criminal Case No. 2019-GS-43-00053

Current Address: Turbeville Correctional, 1578 Clarence Coker Hwy 378

Are you incarcerated?  Yes (If "Yes") Where? Turbeville Correctional  
 No

What were you convicted of? Murder

What was your sentence? 30 yrs

Are you appealing from  trial,  guilty plea  a post-conviction relief hearing?

In what county was this trial/hearing/guilty plea held? Sumter

Presiding Judge's name? Kristi F. Curtis

Date of trial/guilty plea or post-conviction hearing February 2022

Were you represented by  a court-appointed attorney  public defender or  retained counsel?

Name of attorney/public defender? Deborah Butcher ; Robert Butcher

If retained, how much did you pay for attorney fees? \$ 8000.00

If you still owe money to your attorney, how much? \$ 00

1. Are you presently employed? Yes  No

a. If "yes," state the amount of your salary or wages per month, and give the name and address of your employer: \_\_\_\_\_

b. If "no," state the name and address of last employment, date of termination of employment, and amount of your salary or wages per month. Aug. 15, 2018  
≈ \$2000.00 / mo

2. List by name, age and relationship to you, any persons who are dependent upon you for support. Indicate beside each how much you contribute toward their support. NONE presently

3. Have you received within the past twelve months any money from any of the following sources?

a. Business, profession or form of self-employment?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

b. Rent payments, interest or dividends?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

c. Pensions, annuities or life insurance payments?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

d. Gifts of inheritance?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

e. Any other sources?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If the answer to any of the above is "yes," describe each source of money and state the amount received from each during the past twelve months. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Do you own cash, or do you have any money in a checking or savings account?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If the answer is "yes," state the total amount of the cash owned. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you own any real estate, stocks, bonds, notes or other valuable property (excluding ordinary household furnishing and clothing)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If the answer is "yes," describe the property and state the appropriate value of the items owned. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What kind of motor vehicle do you own? NO

Is it paid for? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what are the monthly payments? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. How much do you owe (on liens, mortgages, other encumbrances or debts)? \_\_\_\_\_

\$13,000.00

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I do solemnly swear that the account by me delivered into this Court does contain a true and full account of all my real and personal estate, debts, credits and effects whatsoever without exception, which I, or any person in trust for me, have or at the time of my possession had, or am, or was, in respect, entitled to, in possession, remainder or reversion and that I have not at any time since charges were made against me or before, directly or time since charges were made against me or before, directly or indirectly sold, leased, assigned or otherwise disposed of or made over, in trust for myself or otherwise, other than is mentioned herein.

I understand that the State shall file a claim against me in an amount equal to the cost for representation, but that such claim shall not constitute a lien against my property, unless, the claim is reduced to judgment by the Order of the Court after giving me at least thirty days' notice.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the information given by me on this affidavit is true and correct, and I understand that I will be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties if I knowingly furnish false information.

I am financially unable to employ counsel.

This 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

  
Defendant

I understand that I am entitled to at least thirty days' notice before a claim against me may be reduced to judgment, and I do hereby waive the right to such notice.

This 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

  
Defendant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this  
29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

  
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 6/16/26

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have served the following documents:

- a. Motion to be Relieved; and
- b. Exhibit 1, Affidavit of Indigency.
- c.

upon the below listed respondents, by electronic mail at their respective email addresses, pursuant to Rule 262, SCACR and the Order of the Supreme Court on September 22, 2022:

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The following person, Demetrius Alexander Brown, was served by U.S. Mail at the following address on September 27, 2022:

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