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In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM Horry COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

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SC Court of Appeals

Benjamin Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2022-001076

THE STATE, Respondents,

vs.

Daniel Gause, #77753, Appellant.

[FINAL] BRIEF OF APPELLANT

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Statement of the Case & Facts

- 1.) The Appellant filed a Petition for resentencing on a (1981) Kidnapping, pursuant to an Order per Honorable Jean Toal S.C. Code ANN §16-3-910- to 30 years. The Appellant has done (41) years for kidnapping under the "Old" Kidnapping Law, and he filed it on May 9, 2022.
- 2.) The Respondents failed to Respond/Answer the Petition therefore they Abandoned any Right to the Appeal; By failing to have an "Answer to petition" Ruled ON in the lower Court. State vs. Dunbar,
- 3.) Appellant was sentenced to Life sentence on the indictment # 81-GS-26-1146. Kidnapping

FACTS

The Appellant ask this Court to Remand this case Back to General Sessions Court for Resentencing to (30) years for Kidnapping on indictment number # 81-GS-26-1146 / Appellant time served and Released from Custody.
(1.)

Arguments

- 1.) The Lower Courts denial of even considering resentencing Appellant to 30 years, pursuant to an Order on Kidnapping from S.C. Supreme Court on S.C. Code Ann § 16-3-910 was an Abuse of Discretion amounting to an Error of Law, where Appellant has completed 41 years for Kidnapping under old law, where Respondents failed to respond to motion/petition, Abandoned Any known Right to the Appeal State vs. Dunbar.
- 2.) The Lower Court committed an Abuse of Discretion that amounts to an Error of Law for failing to adhere to the SCVP Rule 63 Disability of a Judge, an inquire about the Appellants case and situation Before the Court, the Respondents Abandoned/relinquished all rights to appeal for failing to make a response, State vs. Dunbar.

Facts & Discussion

Appellant files a Petition; State fails to Respond or Answer therefore they have no Ruling in Opposition to Appellants petition, State vs Dunbar, issue has to be raised and Ruled on in the Lower Court to be preserved for Appeal and General Sessions Judge Benjamin Culbertson did have the Jurisdiction to sentence Appellant to 30 years on Kidnapping and/or (2.) time served.

Conclusion

Appellant respectfully ask this Court to Remand this Case Back to General Sessions Court for Resentencing and/or Release the Appellant from Custody on Time served, since he's completed 41 years on this sentence.

Respectfully Submitted,

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