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IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GEORGETOWN COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Robert Bonds, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2021-001275

Tiesh Rhue,

Appellant,

vs.

The State of South Carolina,

Appellee.

MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL

Undersigned counsel respectfully moves to be relieved as counsel. Counsel has filed the initial brief in this matter and, after review of Respondent's brief, determined there was no need to file a reply brief. Appellant is unable to afford the continuing costs of this appeal and counsel has already expended substantial efforts without pay in this case. Counsel has made repeated efforts to work out financial arrangements with Appellant's family but they have not been fruitful. Undersigned counsel asks this Court to appoint the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, Appellate Division to assist Appellant in this case. Counsel additionally represents that being relieved will not materially prejudice Appellant since the initial brief and been completed and filed. All that remains to be done is for the final briefs to be filed along with the Record on Appeal. Counsel has also changed the policy in her office to ensure that it will not be necessary to file a motion to be relieved due to inability to pay in the future. Counsel will send a copy of this motion to Appellant at Leath Correctional on this date, February 7, 2023 where she is incarcerated.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Counsel certifies that she has provided a copy of this motion on Melody Brown of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office via email on this date, February 7, 2023.

/s/ Elizabeth Franklin-Best