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APPELLATE CASE NO. 2022-000641

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY

Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Frank R. Addy, Jr., Circuit Judge

Trial Court Case No. 2002-GS-23-09233, 2002-GS-23-09234,

2002-GS-23-09235, 2002-GS-23-09239

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA RESPONDENT,

V.

PATRICK LEE BOOKER APPELLANT.

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

NOW COMES the pro se Appellant who hereby seeks the appointment of counsel to represent him during the remainder of this criminal appeal. The basis for this motion is that the pro se Appellant is in need of the assistance of counsel to help him perfect the remaining requirements of this important criminal appeal, as the pro se Appellant's current life circumstances have changed in a significant way that has

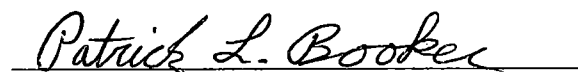
affected his ability to concentrate and/or to prepare the Record on Appeal and the Final Brief in this matter. Particularly, the Appellant's employment ended on March 17, 2023, and he has been struggling to find employment to earn an income. At this point the Appellant have become indigent and is undergoing a significant amount of stress and anxiety, as he can not seem to regain employment due to the criminal convictions involved in this matter. Specifically, within the past thirty days the Appellant has had eleven (11) job applications rejected solely based on his criminal history. Despite the repeated job denials, the Appellant continues to search for employment. On April 5, 2023, the Appellant began orientation for a new job through a temporary staffing agency and was allowed to work for several days, pending the results of his criminal background. On April 14, 2023, the staffing agency regrettably informed the Appellant that, due to his convictions of Armed Robbery and Carjacking, the offer of employment must be withdrawn. (See Attached email from *EmployBridge* to the Appellant dated April 14, 2023).

Due to the Appellant's current life situation, he is unable to concentrate or focus and is further unable to prepare the Record on Appeal or the Final Brief in this matter without the assistance of counsel who will be able to effectively complete the remaining aspects of this criminal appeal.

WHEREFORE, having made the foregoing showing, the Appellant hereby respectfully requests that this Court appoint counsel to represent the Appellant for the remainder of this appeal.

April 16, 2023

Greenwood, South Carolina

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick L. Booker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Patrick L. Booker



Divisions of EmployBridge, LLC

04.14.2023

Patrick Booker

patrickbooker85@gmail.com

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Dear Patrick Booker:

We regret to inform you that the EmployBridge Company¹ (the "Company") with which you applied cannot give you further consideration for employment or must withdraw its offer.

This decision was based, in whole or in part, on information contained in a consumer report(s) and/or investigative consumer report(s), including the following specific items:

Armed Robbery, Robbery While Armed Or Allegedly Armed With A Deadly Weapon
Armed Robbery, Robbery While Armed Or Allegedly Armed With A Deadly Weapon
Armed Robbery With A Deadly Weapon
Armed Robbery With A Deadly Weapon
Carjacking

A copy of this report was previously given to you. The agency that provided the report is: **Sterling, 4511 Rockside Road #400 Independence, OH 44131, 888.889.5248, dispute.resolution@sterlingcheck.com, www.sterlingcheck.com**. This agency did not make this employment decision and is unable to supply you with specific reasons why the decision was made. Under Section 612 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you have the right to obtain a free copy of the report if you submit a written request to the agency identified above no later than 60 days after you receive this notice. Under Section 611 of that Act, and state law, you also have the right to dispute the accuracy or completeness of any information in the report by contacting the consumer reporting agency above.

California applicants or employees only (this section applies only if the report referenced above is a credit report): You have the right to obtain a free copy of your credit report within 60 days from the consumer credit reporting agency which has been identified on this notice and from any other consumer credit reporting agency which compiles and maintains files on consumers on a nationwide basis. Under California law, you also have the right to dispute with the consumer reporting agency the accuracy or completeness of any information in the report.

California applicants or employees only (this section applies only if the adverse decision is based on criminal history information): Our Company procedure for you to challenge or request that we reconsider our decision is as follows: Call us at (855) 706-9555 within five (5) days of the date of this letter. You also have a right to file a complaint with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Illinois applicants or employees only (this section applies only if the adverse decision is based on criminal history information): Our Company procedure for you to challenge or request that we reconsider our decision is as follows: Call us at (855) 706-9555 within five (5) days of the date of this letter. You also have a right to file a complaint with the Illinois Department of Human Rights.

Massachusetts applicants or employees only (this section applies only if the report referenced above is a credit report): You have the right to obtain a free copy of your credit report within sixty days from the consumer credit reporting agency which has been identified on this notice. The consumer credit reporting agency must provide someone to help you interpret the information on your credit report. Each calendar year you are entitled to receive, upon request, one free consumer report. You have the right to dispute inaccurate information by contacting the consumer credit reporting agency directly. If you have notified a consumer credit reporting agency in writing that you dispute the accuracy of information in your file, the agency must then, within thirty business days, reinvestigate and modify or remove inaccurate information. The consumer credit reporting agency may not charge a fee for this service. If reinvestigation does not resolve the dispute to your satisfaction, you may send a letter to the consumer credit reporting agency, to be kept in your file, explaining why you think the record is inaccurate. The consumer credit reporting agency must include your statement about the disputed information in a report it issues about you.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania applicants or employees only (this section applies only if the adverse decision is based on criminal history information): You have the right to provide evidence of the inaccuracy of the information, an explanation of your record, and/or evidence of rehabilitation. To do so, call us at (855) 706-9555 within ten (10) days of the date of this letter. You also have a right to file a complaint with the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

EmployBridge

¹ Our family of companies include StaffingSolutions, ProLogistix, ResourceMFG, ProDrivers, Hire Dynamics, Resource Accounting, Personnel One, Employment Plus, MedicalSolutions, Select Staffing, SelectRemedy, RemX Specialty Staffing, Decca Consulting, Decca Energy, Remedy Intelligent Staffing, Resdin Industries, Vaughan Consulting Group, and Westaff.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Patrick L. Booker, hereby certify that I did this date serve the Motion for Appointment of Counsel upon the State by depositing a copy of the same in the U.S., postage prepaid, addressed as follow: Alan C. Wilson, Attorney General of South Carolina; and Jessica E. Kinard, South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services.

April 17, 2023

Patrick L. Booker

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