

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Justen Lee Wilkes, Petitioner,

v.

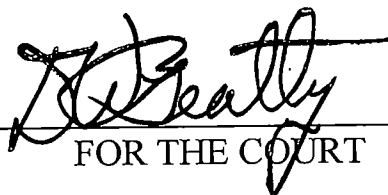
State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2023-000509

ORDER

William G. Yarborough, III and Lauren C. Hobbis' motion to be relieved as counsel for Petitioner is granted. This matter will be held in abeyance for twenty days for Petitioner to (1) provide proof that he has submitted his affidavit of indigency to the Division of Appellate Defense, or (2) provide proof that he has retained counsel, or (3) notify this Court that he intends to proceed pro se. Failure to respond within twenty days may result in the dismissal of this appeal.

To the extent that Petitioner intends to proceed pro se, Petitioner is reminded that he may proceed *pro se* in this matter only after knowingly and intelligently waiving the right to counsel. *See Faretta v. California*, 422 U.S. 806 (1975); *State v. Brewer*, 328 S.C. 117, 492 S.E.2d 97 (1997). Petitioner is warned that this Court requires *pro se* parties to fully comply with all applicable rules, and representation by an attorney trained in the law would be highly beneficial in this matter.



C.J.

FOR THE COURT

July 25, 2023

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:

William G. Yarborough, III, Esquire

Lauren C Hobbis, Esquire

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