

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas  
G.D. Morgan, Circuit Court Judge

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Case No. 20203 – 001011

Stepheno Alston ..... Petitioner-Appellant,

v.

The State of South Carolina..... Respondent-Appellee.

MOTION TO AMENDED  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

To: Mr. Mark R. Farthing, Asst. Att’y. General, Attorney for Respondent.

Petitioner-Appellant, Stepheno Alston, proceeding as pro-se, hereby moves before this Court pursuant to Rule – 240, SCACR, to amend his Petition for Writ of Certiorari. In support of this Motion, Petitioner-Appellant apprises this Court of the following facts and legal principles:

1. On April 8, 2024, Petitioner-Appellant has filed with this Court a Motion to Relieve Counsel, and a Motion to Proceed as Pro-se and wishes to file an amended petition for writ of certiorari in this Court.
2. The Motions were filed because Petitioner-Appellant’s current Attorney has steadily refused to raise two additional issues as was requested by Petitioner-Appellant. Issues that were presented and raised before the PCR Court, which needs to be addressed and presented in the amended petition for writ of certiorari.
3. Petitioner-Appellant is not pleased with how appellant counsel has raised the first issue of being tried in absentia issue and feels that it is being raised in a subpar manner. Insomuch as, Petitioner-Appellant would like to submit a revised version of that issue within his amended petition for writ of certiorari. (See Exhibit – A) (Amended Petition for Writ of Certiorari).

4. In the amended petition for writ of certiorari Petitioner-Appellant will be raising three questions before this Court. (See Exhibit – A).
5. The amended petition for writ of certiorari is attached to this motion as Exhibit – A.
6. Petitioner-Appellant makes this motion request in good faith and not for the purpose of delay.
7. Good cause exists for the granting of this motion to amend petition for writ of certiorari, for the reasons stated above.

**WHEREFORE**, for all the above-mentioned foregoing reasons, Petitioner-Appellant submits that there is good cause to amend his Petition for Writ of Certiorari, and therefore respectfully requests, pursuant to Rule – 240, SCACR, that this Court grants this motion to amend petition for writ of certiorari as prescribed by the South Carolina Rules of Appellate Procedure.

**DATED: June 13, 2024**



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