

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

Rachel Marie Wilcox, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2024-000796

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## ORDER

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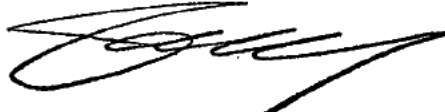
As stated in the order of dismissal, this appeal arose out of a sentence imposed on May 6, 2024, and the proof of service showed service of the notice of appeal on counsel for Respondent on May 25, 2024. Thus, on June 4, 2024, we dismissed this appeal because the notice of appeal was not timely served. Subsequently, Appellant submitted a petition for rehearing, which we construe as a motion to reinstate, explaining the notice of appeal was served timely on May 15, 2024. After careful consideration, we grant the motion to reinstate.

On June 19, 2024, Appellant filed a motion to relieve counsel. Appellant 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). We take this opportunity to warn Appellant that this court requires pro se parties to fully comply with all applicable rules. Appellant is certain to be unlearned in other aspects of the law as well. Representation by an attorney trained in the law would be highly beneficial, and we strongly encourage Appellant to continue with representation.

After considering this information, Appellant shall, within thirty days of the date of this order, notify this court whether she wishes to proceed pro se. If Appellant notifies this court that she wishes to proceed pro se despite the dangers and disadvantages of doing so, this court will then determine if it will allow her to do so. *See State v. Roberts*, 364 S.C. 583, 614 S.E.2d 626 (2005) (no right to proceed pro se on appeal). If Appellant fails to notify this court within thirty days, counsel will continue to provide representation in this matter.

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