

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Ben Robert Stewart, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001478

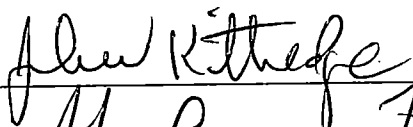
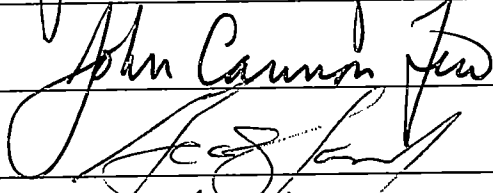


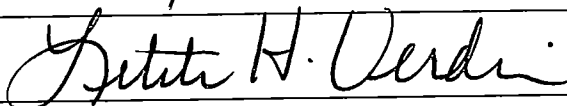
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## ORDER

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Petitioner has moved to relieve counsel in this matter. By order dated August 13, 2024, in which we warned Petitioner of the dangers of self-representation, we advised Petitioner to notify this Court within twenty days whether he wishes to proceed *pro se* or continue to be represented by Sarah Shipe of the Division of Appellate Defense. Petitioner filed a response indicating he wishes to proceed *pro se*.

After careful consideration, the motion is denied. *See State v. Roberts*, 364 S.C. 583, 588–89, 614 S.E.2d 626, 629 (2005) (holding there is no right to proceed *pro se* on appeal, and the Court may, in its discretion, allow a petitioner to proceed *pro se*).

	C.J.
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Columbia, South Carolina  
October 3, 2024

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