

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Alonzo Tarell Jones, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2022-000158

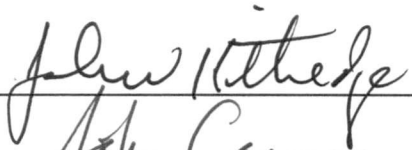
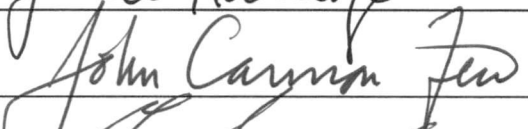
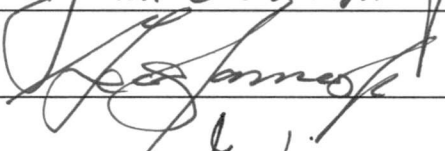
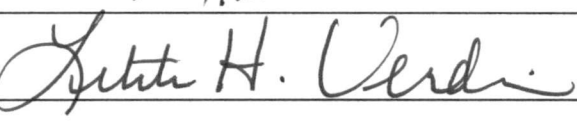
ORDER

This matter is before the Court by way of a notice of appeal from an order of the circuit court finding Petitioner is entitled to a belated review of the denial of his application for post-conviction relief (PCR) pursuant to *Austin v. State*, 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991). Petitioner is represented by Sarah Shipe of the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, Division of Appellate Defense. Because the transcript of the hearing is unavailable, this Court granted Ms. Shipe's request to hold this matter in abeyance and remanded the matter to the circuit court to reconstruct the record of the PCR hearing.

Petitioner filed a motion to relieve Ms. Shipe as counsel and appoint new counsel and a motion to dismiss. This Court denied the request to appoint new counsel, advised Petitioner of the dangers of self-representation, and required Petitioner to advise the Court within twenty days whether he would proceed *pro se* or continue to be represented by Ms. Shipe. Petitioner then filed a motion to relieve Ms. Shipe and proceed *pro se* and a request that the Court order the City of Camden's Police Department to turn over certain information.

We deny Petitioner's motion to dismiss and his request to require the Camden Police Department to disclose documents because the motions were not filed by Ms. Shipe, his attorney of record at the time the motions were filed, and there is no right to hybrid representation in South Carolina. See *State v. Stuckey*, 333 S.C. 56, 58, S.E.2d 564, 564 (1998) (stating that because there is no right to hybrid representation, substantive documents filed *pro se* by a person represented by counsel should not be accepted unless submitted by counsel). Further, we deny

Petitioner's request to relieve Ms. Shipe and proceed *pro se*. 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; however, an appellate court may, in its discretion, allow an appellant to proceed *pro se*).

	C.J.
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Columbia, South Carolina
February 12, 2025

cc:
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Sarah Elizabeth Shipe
Alonzo Tarell Jones