

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from York County

Honorable R. Keith Kelly, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

RAYQUAN JAMAL STEELE,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000380

RETURN TO MOTION TO BE RELIEVED

Undersigned counsel makes this Return in response to Trial Counsel's Motion to Be Relieved. In support of this return, counsel would respectfully show the Court that:

1. The Division of Appellate Defense has not received Appellant's completed affidavit of indigency from Appellant or his trial counsel as of today's date, May 16, 2025. Therefore, this office cannot determine if Mr. Steele is indigent and eligible for representation on appeal by this Office.

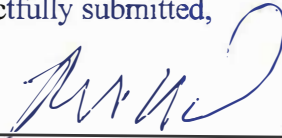
2. Undersigned counsel will review Appellant's affidavit of indigency if it is received by this office. The Division of Appellate Defense will assume representation of Appellant if he is determined to be indigent but cannot assume representation of appellant before that time.

3. Undersigned counsel takes no position on trial counsel's Motion to Be Relieved at

this time given the uncertainty about Appellant's indigency status, and therefore leaves the matter to the sound discretion of this Court.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel takes no position on trial counsel's Motion to Be Relieved at this time and leaves the matter to the sound discretion of this Court.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 16th day of May, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the Return to the Motion to Be Relieved in the above referenced case has been served upon Geoffrey M. Dunn, Esquire, and Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at their primary e-mail addresses listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS); and on Rayquan J. Steele, #396392, at Lee Correctional Institution, 990 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, SC 29010, this 16th day of May, 2025.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender