

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM YORK COUNTY

Court of General Sessions

Honorable R. Keith Kelly, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No.: 2025-000380

Case No.: 2021-GS-46-06555,-06555a

The State, Respondent

VS.

Rayquan Jamal Steele, Appellant

APPELLANT

**APPELLANT'S MOTION SEEKING PERMISSION FOR APPELLANT
TO PROCEED PRO SE FOR PURPOSES OF ACCEPTING APPELLANT'S**

APRIL 21,2025 MOTION AS FILED.

Appellant's motion seeking permission for Appellant to proceed pro se for purposes of accepting Appellant's April 21, 2025 motion as filed.

Appellant received this Honorable Court's April 22, 2025, correspondence stating that hybrid representation will not be permitted.

Other words this Honorable Court stated that the April 21, 2025, motion seeking relinquishing of jurisdiction would not be entertained if the Court perceives hybrid representation exists.

This Honorable Court should have accepted Attorney Geoffry Dunn waiving of the white flag as an indicator that his representation had come to an end.

This said motion is to clarify that once Appellant represented to all parties that he was proceeding pro se, the tenets of *Faretta v. California*, 422 U.S. 806 (1975) begins with self-representation.

Appellant can knowingly and voluntarily waive the services of appointed counsel at any stage of the proceedings at any time.

Notice was duly given to all parties involved that Appellant was proceeding pro se.

The only question before this Honorable court is whether would this Honorable Court grant appellant permission to relinquish jurisdiction back to the lower court to address the claim of after discovered evidence as well as the assertion of ineffective assistance of counsel?

This motion itself speaks volumes of what the authors of *Faretta*, id., meant by self-representation and proceeding pro se.

For purposes of this motion per se, Appellant is only asking permission to accept his filed motion relinquishing jurisdiction as pro se. Nothing more or nothing less.

Appellant is fully aware of the advantages and disadvantages of forgoing his right to appeal.

Appellant is making such knowingly and voluntarily.

But in the interest of judicial fairness, Appellant is asserting grave constitutional violations on behalf of trial counsel.

This Honorable Court should hold the Appeal in abeyance until this matter is resolved between the lower court, trial counsel and appellant.

And if the Honorable Court rules that this Appeal is ripe for an opinion would be premature where the assistance appeals attorney has not been assigned and appeals process is in its infancy stage to which Appellant is foregoing those services.

IN CONCLUDING, Appellant is requesting to proceed pro se, which Appellant is entitled to, considering his trial counsel asked to be relieved as well as this Appellant has refused to sign the indigency form asking for the assistance of counsel from the public defender's office, entitles Appellant to forgo the assistance of counsel and to request permission to proceed pro se with this here motion asking for relinquishing jurisdiction.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct of the foregoing **appellant's motion seeking permission for appellant to proceed pro se for purposes of accepting appellant's April 21, 2025** as filed to the Office of the Clerk of Court, 1220 Senate Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and the Attorney General, Honorable Alan Wilson, P.O. Box 11549, Columbia, S.C. 29211 this day _____ day of June, 2025.



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