

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

Rayquan Jamal Steele, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2025-000380

ORDER

On April 7, 2025, Appellant's retained trial counsel moved to be relieved, stating he had been retained to represent Appellant for trial only. The Office of Appellate Defense filed a return, stating Appellant had not provided an affidavit of indigency, and as a result, the Office was unable to determine if Appellant qualified for services. After careful consideration, we grant retained counsel's motion to be relieved.

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 retain representation or seek the appointment of counsel. Further, we hold this appeal in abeyance for thirty days from the date of this order to allow Appellant an opportunity to obtain new counsel. If we do not receive a notice of appearance from new counsel at the conclusion of the abeyance period, we will presume Appellant is representing himself on appeal.



FOR THE COURT

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