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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Milton G. Kimpson, Circuit Court Judge

Indictment No.: 2025-GS-4002358

Indictment No.: 2025-GS-4002359

Appellate Case No. 2025-001677

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Victor M. Pouge,

Appellant.

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND
MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL
AND MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Rule 264 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and Rule 1.16(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, I the undersigned attorney of record will move before the South Carolina Court of Appeals for an Order permitting my withdrawal as Counsel, in the above captioned matter. In support of this motion, I show unto this Honorable Court as follows:

1. I was not retained to represent Mr. Pouge on appeal. My fee agreement specifically excludes appeals. I only filed this notice of appeal so Mr. Pouge would not be prejudiced by missing the deadline to file an appeal pursuant to South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 203(b)(2).
2. I have provided his information to the South Carolina Commission on Indigent

Defense, and the Commission has informed me that he does not qualify for their services. However, Mr. Pouge is incarcerated, unemployed, and does not have any income to hire counsel for this appeal and has no funds for costs, filing fees, or transcripts.

3. Based upon information and belief, Mr. Pouge does not have any income and needs the legal assistance of the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense but is being denied same.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing the undersigned attorney of record for the Appellant, Victor M. Pouge, prays this Court enter an Order granting my withdraw as counsel for the Appellant and substitute the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense as counsel to represent Appellant.

October 2, 2025

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served the Notice of Motion and Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on October 2, 2025, addressed to the following:

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