

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

James Joseph Patterson, III, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001474

ORDER

On February 23, 2026, Appellant filed a motion to relieve counsel. No return was filed. After careful consideration, Appellant's motion to relieve counsel is denied. *State v. Roberts*, 364 S.C. 583, 588–89, 614 S.E.2d 626, 629 (2005) ("Appellant clearly does not have a federal constitutional right to proceed pro se in this appeal from his criminal conviction. We also find there is no state constitutional provision which confers such a right); *id.* at 589, 614 S.E.2d at 629 ("Moreover, appellate counsel has no duty to raise every non-frivolous issue presented by the record and must be allowed to exercise reasonable professional judgment.").



J.

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