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**APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions**

**Dale Van Slambrook  
Circuit Court Judge**

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**Appellate Case No. 2026-001578**

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**The State, ..... Respondent,**

**v.**

**Chad Walton, .....Appellant,**

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**MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS APPELLATE COUNSEL**

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Undersigned counsel was retained to represent Appellant, Chad Walton, in the Charleston County Court of General Sessions but not on appeal. Additionally, Appellant's Notice of Appeal filing raises issues which could be grounds for a post-conviction relief proceeding by Appellant. As such, undersigned respectfully moves to withdraw as appellate counsel. Pursuant to Rule 264(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Mr. Walton has been notified of this request in writing.

Counsel of Record for Appellant would further request that any deadlines be held in abeyance while this motion is considered and if this motion is granted, Appellant be given sufficient time to obtain new Appellate Counsel or proceed *pro se*.

Dated: July 24, 2026

/s/ Joseph Kaiser

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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Pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, undersigned counsel certifies that a copy of the motion to withdraw has been served upon Wanda Carter, Mark Farthing, Catherine Fries, Della White, [abennett@scag.gov](mailto:abennett@scag.gov), and Caroline Collins via electronic mail, and upon Chad Walton at 148 Wappoo Road, Charleston, SC 29407 by depositing a copy in the U.S. mail this 24th day of July 2026.

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