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SC Court of Appeals

**IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

State of South Carolina v. Chad Walton
Case No. 2026A1010201599

OBJECTION TO MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL

I, Chad Walton, hereby object to the motion filed by my attorney of record, Joseph Kaiser, seeking to be relieved as counsel in the above-captioned matter.

I retained Mr. Kaiser and paid him thousands of dollars to represent me in this case. I contend that he failed to provide the representation that I retained him to provide. Specifically, I maintain that he advised me that a substantially different sentence had been agreed upon as part of my pre-negotiated plea agreement than the sentence that was ultimately imposed by the Court.

I further contend that, after these events, Mr. Kaiser now seeks to withdraw from representation rather than continue to address the issues arising from his representation in this matter.

Additionally, I believe that Mr. Kaiser had a personal relationship with a prosecution witness that was not disclosed to me at the time I retained him as counsel. I believe this relationship should have been disclosed so that I could have evaluated whether a conflict of interest existed.

For these reasons, I respectfully object to Mr. Kaiser's motion to be relieved as counsel and request that the Court deny his motion and require him to continue representing me in this matter until the issues related to his representation have been properly addressed.

~ Chad Walton ~

Chad Walton
Date: August 3, 2026