

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Horry County

Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

PERNELL JONES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-000746

RETURN TO MOTION TO APPOINT COUNSEL

The undersigned counsel files this Return in response to Appellant's *pro se* motion for the appointment of counsel. The undersigned counsel would submit the following information in support of this Return.

1. Appellant is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to guilty plea entered on or about February 15, 2006. This appeal arises from the denial of Appellant's motion to be removed from the Sex Offender Registry by written Order of Judge Alex Kinlaw, Jr. dated March 19, 2026. On March 25, 2026, Appellant filed a timely Notice of Appeal.

2. On April 15, 2026, this Court allowed the appeal to proceed. On July 6, 2026, Appellant moved this Court for the appointment of counsel. On August 17, 2026, this Court requested a Return to this motion from the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense,

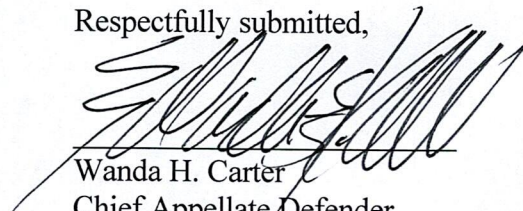
Division of Appellate Defense per the undersigned counsel.

3. On September 8, 2026, this Office sent Appellant an Affidavit of Indigency via US Mail to be returned in order to determine Appellant's eligibility for representation by this Office on appeal.

4. The undersigned counsel will review Appellant's affidavit of indigency once it is received by this Office, and accept representation of Appellant on appeal if he is determined to be indigent.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would request that this Court hold the matter in abeyance for thirty (30) days to allow this Office to screen Appellant for indigency, and thereafter notify the Court as to whether Appellant's status is indigent, and further inform the Court on any decision reached regarding moving forward with the perfection of Appellant's appeal as a client of the Office.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 8th day of September, 2026.

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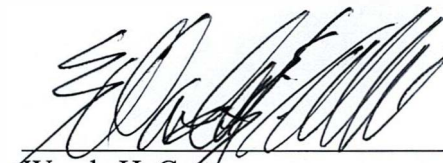
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the Return to the Motion to Be Relieved in the above referenced case has been served upon Harley L. Kirkland, Esquire, at their primary e-mail addresses listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), and on Pernell Jones via US Mail at 1231 Oscar Road, Little River, South Carolina 29566 this 8th day of September, 2026.



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender