

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Alonzo Tarell Jones, Petitioner,

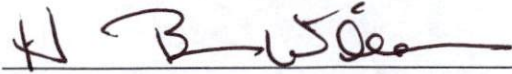
v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2022-000158

ORDER

On September 28, 2026, Appellant filed a motion to relieve counsel. No returns were filed. After careful consideration, Appellant's motion to relieve counsel is denied. *See State v. Sanders*, 341 S.C. 386, 389, 534 S.E.2d 696, 697 (2000) ("We recognize the Sixth Amendment does not confer an absolute right to be represented by one's preferred attorney."); *State v. Roberts*, 364 S.C. 583, 589, 614 S.E.2d 626, 629 (2005) ("[A]ppellate counsel has no duty to raise every non-frivolous issue presented by the record and must be allowed to exercise reasonable professional judgment."); *State v. Graddick*, 345 S.C. 383, 385-86, 548 S.E.2d 210, 211 (2001) (finding no reversible error in a refusal to relieve counsel based on arguments that counsel was not representing the defendant's interests, counsel was not prepared, and the defendant did "not feel comfortable" with counsel).


____ C.J.
FOR THE COURT

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