

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

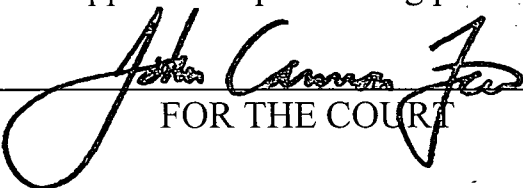
James C. Williams, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2013-001849

ORDER

Appellant's counsel, Assistant Public Defender David M. Mauldin, has filed a motion for clarification of Appellant's legal representation. Counsel explains that he was appointed to represent Appellant on a pro se motion for a new trial based on after-discovered evidence. Counsel adds that the trial court relieved him as counsel except for filing the notice of appeal. We construe counsel's motion as a motion to be relieved as counsel, and we grant the motion.

Appellant has filed a pro se letter requesting that this court appoint counsel for this appeal. Appellant's request is denied. *See State v. Clinkscales*, 318 S.C. 513, 515, 458 S.E.2d 548, 549 (1995) (holding the defendant's motion for a new trial on the ground of after-discovered evidence was not heard and decided at a critical stage of his criminal prosecution; therefore, the defendant's constitutional right to counsel did not extend to his motion for a new trial). Appellant has thirty days to obtain new counsel, or this court will presume Appellant is proceeding pro se.

 C.J.
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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