

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Rick Lowery, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2014-000744

Lower Court Case No. 2011-CP-42-2178


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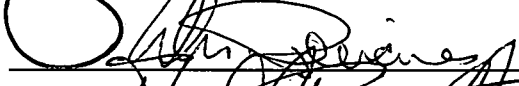
## ORDER

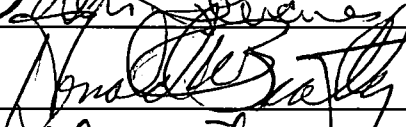
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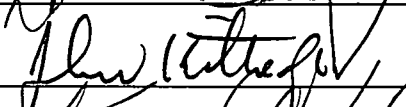
Petitioner has filed a petition for a writ of mandamus in this Court's original jurisdiction requesting a "show cause order" for the immediate resolution of his post-conviction relief action. Two proposed conditional orders of dismissal have been filed in this case, one of which was left unsigned and was filed in error. Petitioner has filed timely motions opposing the conditional orders of dismissal. However, a final order has yet to be issued in petitioner's case.

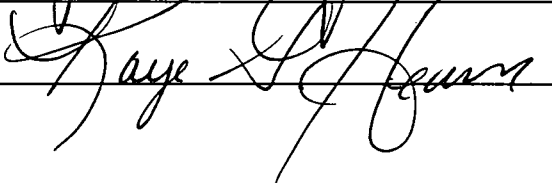
Judge Couch's unsigned conditional order of dismissal filed on June 8, 2012 is hereby vacated. Petitioner shall have twenty days from the date of this order to show cause why the conditional order of dismissal signed by Judge Cole and filed January 18, 2013 should not become final. Judge Cole shall have sole judicial authority to ensure expeditious resolution of petitioner's post-conviction relief action, including all outstanding motions.

  
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Columbia, South Carolina

July 10, 2014

cc:

Suzanne H. White, Esquire

The Honorable Roger L. Couch

The Honorable J. Derham Cole

Ricky Willard Lowery, #281915

The Honorable M. Hope Blackley