

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Jose Merced Maldonado, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2012-212869

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## ORDER

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This matter is before the Court on a petition for a writ of certiorari following the denial of Petitioner's application for post-conviction relief.

Petitioner's counsel asserts that the petition is without merit and requests permission to withdraw from further representation. Petitioner has filed a pro se petition.

After careful consideration of the entire appendix as required by *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988), we deny the petition and grant counsel's request to withdraw.

*Thomas C. Hoff*

J.

*Paul E. Shortz*

J.

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J.

Columbia, South Carolina

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