

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Meleik Lamont Roach, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2013-001527

Lower Court Case No. 2011-CP-26-10362

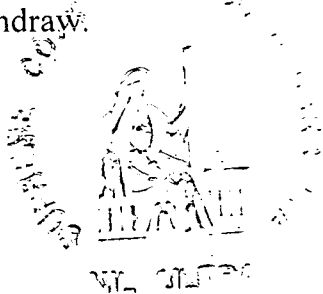
ORDER

Petitioner's first application for post-conviction relief was denied by Judge Culbertson. No petition for a writ of certiorari was filed. Petitioner now seeks a writ of certiorari from an order issued by Judge Hyman granting petitioner a belated review of Judge Culbertson's order pursuant to *Austin v. State*, 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991).

We grant the petition for a writ of certiorari from Judge Hyman's order, dispense with further briefing, and proceed with an *Austin* review of Judge Culbertson's order.

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 record 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.

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FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

February 4, 2015

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