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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court
The South Carolina Supreme Court
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Vander Davon Meetze v State of South Carolina
2013-CP-40-3117

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

In connection with the above referenced matter, please find enclosed the original and seven (7) copies of the Respondent's Motion to Be Relieved as Counsel along with our proposed Order Relieving Counsel with proof of service attached. Please file the original and six (6) copies and return a file stamped extra copy to us in the self-addressed, postage paid envelope enclosed. By copy of this letter, we are serving counsel with same.

If you should have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom".

Tom Young, Jr.

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cc: Megan Harrigan Jameson, Esquire
The Honorable Jeanette W. McBride, Clerk of Court of Richland County
The Honorable Daniel E. Johnson, Fifth Circuit Solicitor
Vander Davon Meetze

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

CERTIORARI TO RICHLAND COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

The Honorable Robert E. Hood, Circuit Court Judge
Case No. 2013-CP-40-3117

VANDER DAVON MEETZE,Respondent,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,Petitioner.

MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL

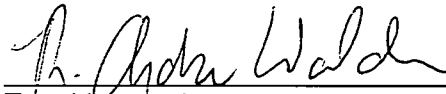
The undersigned attorneys respectfully request that this Court enter an order removing them as attorneys of record for the Respondent. This motion is filed pursuant to Rule 264(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, 11(b) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as the Supreme Court's decision in Ex parte Strom, 343 S.C. 257, 539 S.E.2d 699 (2000).

The grounds for the motion are that the undersigned attorneys were retained by Respondent's family solely for the purpose of representing the Respondent at the circuit court level of his post-conviction relief application. Attorneys have not been paid in full pursuant to that contract. Nevertheless, at the circuit court level, attorneys brought the post-conviction relief application and defended against Petitioner's Rule 59(e) motion for reconsideration. Petitioner now appeals.

Although Respondent's family was able to retain the undersigned attorneys for the circuit court level (attorneys not paid in full as noted above), that representation has concluded and Respondent is in fact indigent. Attorneys are helping Respondent submit his Affidavit of Indigency and the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense has been notified about this appeal. Because Attorneys have satisfied their contractual obligation, Attorneys respectfully request this Court relieve them as counsel.

This motion would have been made at the circuit court level but the Petitioner filed its Appeal with this Court before such Motion could be made. Because this Appeal was filed, Attorneys must now file this motion with this Court.

Respectfully submitted,



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ORDER RELIEVING COUNSEL

This matter comes before the Court on a motion filed by Attorneys Tom Young, Jr. and Andrew Walden requesting that they be relieved as counsel for the Respondent. The Court accordingly grants the motion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Presiding Justice
Supreme Court of South Carolina

_____, South Carolina

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Motion To Be Relieved As Counsel on Petitioner by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid on May 14, 2015, to Megan Harrigan Jameson, to the address below:

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