

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Christopher J. Francis, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2010-155926


ORDER

Petitioner's 2003 application for post-conviction relief was denied in 2007, and no notice of appeal was filed. Petitioner now seeks a writ of certiorari from a 2010 order granting petitioner a belated review of the 2007 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 the 2010 order, dispense with further briefing, and proceed with an *Austin* review of the 2007 order.

Petitioner's counsel asserts that the petition for a writ of certiorari from the 2007 order is without merit and requests permission to withdraw from further representation. Petitioner has responded *pro se*.

After careful consideration of the entire record as required by *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988), we deny the petition from the 2007 order and grant counsel's request to withdraw.



FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

August 23, 2012

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