

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Daniel E. Dickson, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

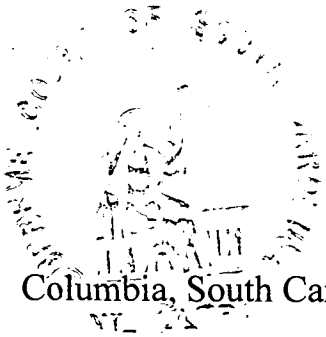
Appellate Case No. 2014-002030

ORDER

Petitioner's counsel filed a petition for a writ of certiorari to review the denial of petitioner's application for post-conviction relief (PCR). Thereafter, petitioner filed a motion to relieve counsel and proceed pro se, along with a pro se petition for a writ of certiorari. The motion to proceed pro se was denied. Petitioner then wrote a letter to this Court in which he expressed his displeasure and requested a copy of his pro se petition for a writ of certiorari. Petitioner was informed by letter that a copy would be provided upon payment of the copying cost of \$12.10. Petitioner was also informed that in light of this Court's denial of his motion to relieve counsel and proceed pro se, his pro se petition will not be considered by the Court. Petitioner has responded by way of two letters in which he continues to assert he has a right to proceed pro se in this matter, asserts he is indigent and cannot pay for a copy of his pro se petition for a writ of certiorari, and appears to maintain the pro se petition for a writ of certiorari should be considered by this Court.

Despite his assertion to the contrary, petitioner does not have a constitutional right to proceed pro se in this matter. *State v. Roberts*, 364 S.C. 583, 614 S.E.2d 626 (2005). Instead, it is in the discretion of this Court. To the extent petitioner asks this Court to reconsider the denial of his motion to proceed pro se, that request is denied. As a result, petitioner's pro se petition for a writ of certiorari will not be considered by this Court. *Miller v. State*, 388 S.C. 347, 697 S.E.2d 527 (2010). In addition, while petitioner may be indigent, that does not relieve him of paying

copying costs. *Quillian v. Evatt*, 308 S.C. 555, 419 S.E.2d 783 (1992).



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J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

August 13, 2015

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