

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Gerald Gaines, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2015-000219

Lower Court Case No. 2013-GS-24-0336

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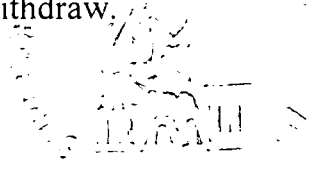
## ORDER

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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 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.

  
Columbia, South Carolina

August 20, 2015

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