



The Supreme Court of South Carolina

DANIEL E. SHEAROUSE
CLERK OF COURT

BRENDA F. SHEALY
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

POST OFFICE BOX 11330
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
29211

1231 GERVAIS STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201

TELEPHONE: (803) 734-1080

FAX: (803) 734-1499

www.sccourts.org

September 30, 2015

Mr. Altony Brooks, #313000
Lee Correctional Institution
990 Wisacky Highway
Bishopville SC 29010

Re: Altony Brooks v. State
Appellate Case No. 2015-001610
Lower Court Case No. 2011CP0802266

Dear Mr. Brooks:

This responds to your letter dated September 17, 2015.

As you know, you represented yourself before the circuit court. The Division of Appellate Defense has advised this office that you have not submitted a completed Affidavit of Indigency, making it impossible for the Division of Appellate Defense to determine if you are eligible for representation by that office. Accordingly, I have marked the records to reflect that you are proceeding without counsel before this Court.

If you desire to seek representation from the Division of Appellate Defense, you must, within ten (10) days of the date of this letter, complete and submit the attached Affidavit of Indigency to the Division of Appellate Defense at 1330 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

If you do not submit the Affidavit of Indigency to Appellate Defense within the next ten (10) days, you must provide this Court with proof that you have ordered

the transcript of the post-conviction relief hearing in the manner specified by Rule 207 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter.

I would strongly encourage you to either hire counsel to represent you in this case, or obtain counsel from the Division of Appellate Defense if you are indigent. A lawyer who is trained in the law can be very beneficial to you in this case. Further, if you are not represented by counsel in this matter, you will be expected to fully comply with all of the requirements of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CLERK

Enclosure (Affidavit of Indigency)

cc: James Rutledge Johnson, Esquire
Division of Appellate Defense