

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Donald James Hurlbert, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2012-212353

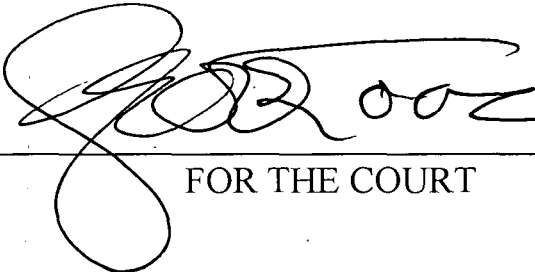
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## ORDER

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Petitioner's counsel moves to be relieved asserting this matter is without merit. The motion is denied. Instead, counsel should follow the *Anders* procedures approved in *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988) if he determines that there are no issues of arguable merit.

This matter was dismissed by order dated September 5, 2012. Since this matter has been held in abeyance by the filing of the motion to be relieved as counsel, Rule 240(b), SCACR, any petition for reinstatement of this matter must be served and filed within fifteen (15) days of the date of this order.

  
C.J.  
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina  
September 17, 2012

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George Emanuel Counts, Esquire  
Mr. Donald J. Hurlbert