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S.C. SUPREME COURT

January 25, 2016

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State of South Carolina v. Willie Ritter, #337044
Case No. 2014-CP-40-05384

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Please find enclosed the following documents in the above entitled action:

- (1) The original and six (6) copies of a Motion To Be Relieved as Counsel;
- (2) The original and six (6) copies of a Motion for Extension of Time to File an Appendix and Petition for Writ of Certiorari;
- (3) The original and six (6) copies of Proof of Service of the Motions on the Respondent; and
- (4) A copy of the letter and Motion to Be Relieved as Counsel that was sent to Appellant Ritter for the Court's file.

Please return a clocked copy of each Motion and Proof of Service to me in the self-addressed and stamped envelope enclosed for your convenience.

We sent a Motion to be Relieved as Counsel with a consent signature block to Mr. Ritter earlier this month, but have not yet received a signed consent back from him. Therefore, in an abundance of caution, we are forwarding these Motions for filing in order to preserve the time limits. Once we receive Appellant Ritter's original signed Consent, we will forward it on to the Court for filing as well.

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Under Rule 240(d), SCACR, no filing fee is required for the enclosed Motions.
Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



William B. von Herrmann

WBvH/wss

Enclosures

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

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G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Case No. 2014-CP-40-05384

State of South Carolina

Respondent,

v.

Willie Ritter, #337044,

Appellant.

MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that William B. von Herrmann, the attorney of record for the Appellant, will move the Court for an Order permitting him to be relieved as counsel for the Appellant, Willie Ritter. This Motion is based upon the following facts:

1. William B. von Herrmann was hired by the Appellant to represent him regarding his Post Conviction Relief hearing which was held in Richland County on July 15, 2015;
2. Attorney von Herrmann met with the Appellant after receiving the Order from Judge G. Thomas Cooper, Jr. denying the PCR request and informed Appellant Ritter of the Judge's decision. It was decided that Attorney von Herrmann would file the Notice of Appeal on behalf of the Appellant in order to preserve his time for the appeal, but he may or may not represent Mr. Ritter throughout the appeal process;
3. The Notice of Appeal was sent to the Courts and also copied to Appellant Ritter and the S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense on November 24, 2015 and clocked with the S.C. Supreme Court on November 25, 2015 (copies of Notice and letters attached as Exhibit A);

4. Attorney von Herrmann received the Affidavit of Indigency from SCCID (S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense) on December 7, 2015 and forwarded the same to Appellant Ritter (copy of letter to Appellant Ritter attached as Exhibit B);
5. Appellant Ritter was not approved for representation by the SCCID and Attorney von Herrmann was notified of the same on or about 4 January 2016 via email from Paula Murdoch with the SCCID office (copy of email attached as Exhibit C);
6. To date, Attorney von Herrmann has not been hired to represent Mr. Ritter on the PCR appeal.

For the foregoing reasons, William B. von Herrmann, attorney of record for Appellant Willie Ritter, hereby moves to be relieved as counsel in this matter.

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January 25, 2016

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"Exhibit A"
MOTION TO BE RELIEVED
STATE V. RITTER, 2014-CP-40-05384

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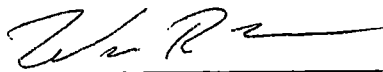
Willie Ritter, #337044,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Willie Ritter appeals the Order of Dismissal of the Honorable G. Thomas Cooper, Jr. dated October 27, 2015 denying his Post-Conviction Relief application. Appellant received written notice of entry of this Order on November 9, 2015.

November 24, 2015



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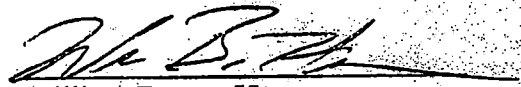
Willie Ritter, #337044,

Appellant.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the State of South Carolina by
depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on November 27, 2015,
addressed to its attorney of record, J. Clayton Mitchell, C/O South Carolina Attorney General's
Office, Post Office Box 11549, Columbia, SC 29211.

November 27, 2015


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November 25, 2015

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State of South Carolina v. Willie Ritter, #337044
Case No. 2014-CP-40-05384

Dear Mr. Shearouse:


Yesterday I mailed the Notice of Appeal and Proof of Service to your office for filing in the above referenced matter.

With respect to ordering the court transcript on this case, I wanted to inform the Court that we already have a copy of the transcript in our possession. I ordered a copy of the transcript from Ms. Keshia Reed back on 17 July 2015, two days after the PCR hearing was held in Richland County. I requested a copy of the transcript at that time in order to have it available for reference when I prepared our proposed Order for Judge Thomas Cooper. I have enclosed a copy of the letter to Ms. Reed for your file.

Based on the fact that we already have the transcript, could you please inform me as to what the time frame will be with respect to filing the appendix and the petition for writ of certiorari in this matter? Will it be due thirty (30) days from today's date? Any guidance you can afford me along these lines will be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,


William B. von Herrmann

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November 25, 2015

S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense
ATTN: APPELLATE DIVISION
Post Office Box 11433
Columbia, SC 29211-1433

RE: State of South Carolina v. Willie Ritter, #337044

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed a copy of a Notice of Appeal and Proof of Service in the above referenced case which I am presently filing with the Courts. I am sending this information to your office in an abundance of caution since I am not sure, at this point in time, whether or not Mr. Ritter's family will be able to hire me to handle this appeal.

As soon as I have spoken with Mr. Ritter's family regarding their wishes in this matter, I will be back in touch with your office. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
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"EXHIBIT B"
MOTION TO BE RELIEVED
STATE V. RITTER, 2014-CP-40-05384

December 7, 2015

Mr. Willie Ritter, SCDC # 00337044
C/O LEE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
990 Wisacky Highway
Bishopville, SC 29010

Re: PCR appeal – State of SC v. Willie Ritter, #337044
Case No: 2014-CP-40-05384

Dear Willie:

As we discussed on my last visit to see you, I have filed your Notice of Intent to appeal the PCR decision made by Judge Cooper in Richland County. I have enclosed copies of all letters and documents sent out on your behalf in this matter thus far.

Since I have not yet heard anything from you or your family members regarding retaining me to represent you on the appeal, I thought it best to also send you a copy of the letter I received today from the SC Commission on Indigent Defense which includes an application that you will need to complete and mail back to them in order for them to represent you if you are not going to hire private counsel. Instructions for completion are included with the copy of their letter and you must make sure you mail it back to them as soon as possible since they need to receive it **prior to December 18, 2015.**

If you have any questions or if I can do anything else for you at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

VON HERRMANN LAW FIRM



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