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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
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SC SUPREME COURT

RE: Reginald Charles Sheftall v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2015-000781

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Petitioner, Reginald Charles Sheftall, filed a Motion to Relieve Counsel in the above-referenced appeal. Please accept this letter as the State's Return to Mr. Sheftall's motion.

Regarding Mr. Sheftall's request to relieve his appellate counsel, the State wishes to leave the matter to the sound discretion of this Court. However, the State notes Mr. Sheftall has no inherent right to represent himself in his PCR appeal. See State v. Roberts, 364 S.C. 583, 588, 614 S.E.2d 626, 629 (2005) ("Appellant [has no] federal constitutional right to proceed pro se in this appeal from his criminal conviction. . . . [and] there is no state constitutional provision [that] confers such a right."). Additionally, the State notes Mr. Sheftall is currently represented by Appellate Defender Wanda H. Carter, who is highly skilled and experienced. Furthermore, the State notes that Mr. Sheftall's appellate counsel has already filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari on Mr. Sheftall's behalf in this case and has asked this Court for the opportunity to fully brief this case.

If this Court desires a more formal return, the State will promptly provide one upon request. Thank you, and if you should have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (803) 734-3737.

Sincerely,

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