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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Pickens County  
The Honorable John C. Hayes, III, Circuit Court Judge

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

v.

BRENT C. MCLAURIN,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2015-001147

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RETURN TO MOTION TO RELIEVE COUNSEL

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Pursuant to the Court's letter dated January 28, 2016, undersigned counsel makes his return as follows:

1. Mr. McLaurin filed his notice of appeal pro se on May 22, 2015, with the assistance of Counsel John DeJong.
2. Mr. John DeJong informed us on May 22, 2015 that he was not appointed, but he was instructed to assist Mr. McLaurin with filing the notice of intent to appeal.
3. Our office assumed representation of Mr. McLaurin on May 27, 2015.
4. On June 1, 2015, we requested three transcripts. We have received the motion hearing transcript of February 17, 2015 and the trial hearing transcript of May 18 – 19, 2015. We are still waiting for the motion hearing transcript of April 20, 2015.

5. Our office is willing and able to represent Mr. McLaurin. However, based on his motion to relieve our office, we do not oppose the motion and leave it to the sound discretion of this Court.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel does not oppose the motion to relieve the Division of Appellate Defense of the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, and leaves it to the sound discretion of this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. M. Dudek', written over a horizontal line.

Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2016.

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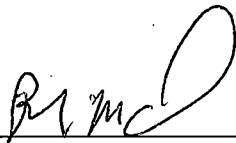
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
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I certify that a true copy of the motion to relieve counsel in this case has been served on J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire, at Rembert Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Room 519, Columbia, SC 29201, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
of February, 2016.

  
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(L.S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: July 3, 2023