

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Marcus Skeeters, Petitioner,

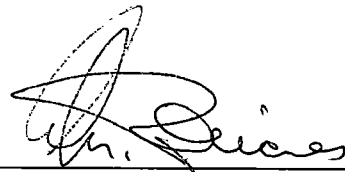
v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2016-000899

ORDER

Petitioner has filed a notice of appeal and the explanation required by Rule 243(c), SCACR. Counsel for petitioner has construed the final order as requiring petitioner to file a grievance with the South Carolina Department of Corrections before he may proceed with this appeal. Accordingly, counsel requests the appeal be held in abeyance. First, we find the Rule 243(c) explanation sufficient to allow this appeal to proceed. Second, we deny the request to hold the appeal in abeyance, as we construe the order as finding petitioner's claim is not proper for post-conviction relief, but must *instead* be pursued through the administrative process.



C.J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

May 27, 2016

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