

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Luther Bernard Pearson, Jr., Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2013-001116

Lower Court Case No. 2010-CP-44-00410

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on a petition for a writ of certiorari following the denial of petitioner's application for post-conviction relief. Petitioner's counsel filed a petition pursuant to *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988), asserting the petition was without merit and requesting permission to withdraw from further representation.

By order dated October 8, 2014, this Court denied petitioner's request for a writ of certiorari and granted counsel's request to withdraw. When petitioner informed the Court he had not received the letter advising him of his right to file a *pro se* response to the *Johnson* petition, the Clerk of Court held the remittitur to allow petitioner to file his *pro se* response.

After careful consideration of the record and the *pro se* response, as required by *Johnson v. State, supra*, we adhere to our earlier ruling denying the petition for a writ of certiorari and granting counsel's request to withdraw.



C.J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

July 14, 2016

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