

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Robert Louis Garrett, Jr., Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2016-001448

Lower Court Case No. 2012CP4302007

ORDER


Fulton Casey Dale Cornwell, Esquire, has advised this Court that he was relieved as counsel for the petitioner by the circuit court. While a motion to be relieved as counsel was filed in the circuit court, the office of the clerk of the circuit court has advised that it can find no record showing that Mr. Cornwell has been relieved as counsel, and the Office of the Attorney General has indicated that it has no record indicating that Mr. Cornwell has been relieved as counsel. The public case index for Sumter County lists Mr. Cornwell as counsel but also lists Mr. Garrett as being *pro se*, a result inconsistent with our law regarding hybrid representation.¹

Accordingly, the circuit court is directed to advise this Court, within ten (10) days of the date of this order, if Mr. Cornwell was relieved as counsel for petitioner while this case was pending before the circuit court, and if so, whether petitioner

¹ *Miller v. State*, 388 S.C. 347, 697 S.E.2d 527 (2010); *Jones v. State*, 348 S.C. 13, 558 S.E.2d 517 (2002); *State v. Stuckey*, 333 S.C. 56, 508 S.E.2d 564 (1998); *Foster v. State*, 298 S.C. 306, 379 S.E.2d 907 (1989).

was allowed to proceed *pro se* or if counsel was substituted.





FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina
August 16, 2016

cc: Fulton Casey Dale Cornwell, Esquire
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The Honorable James C. Campbell
The Honorable George C. James, Jr.

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