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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Lexington County

The Honorable Thomas R. Russo, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2014-002680  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DARRYL VINCENT JONES,

APPELLANT

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MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL  
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Melissa Arnold, counsel for Darryl Vincent Jones moves to be relieved as counsel. In support of this motion, counsel states:

1. Counsel was appointed to represent appellant as part of the Appellate Project Program.
2. Counsel filed Appellant's Initial Brief on direct appeal on or about February 5, 2016.
3. The State filed its Initial Brief on June 10, 2016
4. Counsel filed the Record on Appeal on August 10, 2016.
5. On August 8, 2016, Counsel began work as a Staff Attorney for the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC).

6. Appellant, Darryl Jones is an inmate with SCDC.
7. Counsel believes that representing Appellant would constitute a conflict of interest and would be contrary to SCDC policy.
8. Counsel spoke by telephone with Robert Dudek of Appellate Defenders on August 9, 2016. Mr. Dudek agreed to reassign the case to an attorney with Appellate Defenders should this court grant counsel's motion to be relieved.
9. This motion is made in good faith. Counsel has not asked opposing counsel to consent.
10. Counsel requests that the above-entitled action be held in abeyance while this motion is pending.

Accordingly, Counsel for Darryl Vincent Jones moves to be relieved as counsel.

Respectfully submitted,



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Melissa J. Arnold  
Attorney

Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

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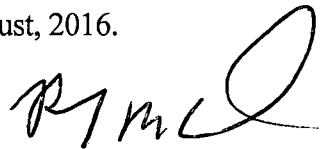
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify that a true copy of the motion to be relieved in this case has been served on Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at Rembert Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Room 519, Columbia, SC 29201, and Darryl Vincent Jones, #362387, McCormick Correctional Institution, 386 Redemption Way, McCormick, SC 29899, this 18th day of August, 2016.



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Robert M. Dudek  
Appellate Defenders

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 18th day  
of August, 2016.



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Samantha P. Dugan  
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: April 27, 2026.