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Clerk of Court
Mr. Daniel Shearouse
Columbia, S.C. 29201

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Re: Motion To Relieve Counsel and Proceed Pro-Se.
Case No. 2016-000500

Dear Mr. Shearouse;

I'm personally requesting to relieve my appellate counsel, Ms. Katerine Hudgins of her duties as my counsel, as well as the Petitioner for Writ of Certiorari, with the ability to proceed pro-se, and ample time to file my own petition.

I received the petition for writ of certiorari filed on November 17, 2016. Whereas, Ms. Hudgins argued "only a single issue" of the four (4) meritorious issues that I forwarded to her at her request. With the purpose of including them within the writ of certiorari, in which she failed to do.

With all due respect, "this is my life on the line", and I understand that if I do not have my issues briefed they will not be preserved for further review or either "rehearing", or on Federal Habeas Corpus. Thereby depriving me of any opportunity to for relief in other forums.

I respectfully ask that you grant my request to relieve counsel, to remove the filed petition for writ of certiorari, and afford me the necessary time as a pro-se litigant, to file my petition for writ of certiorari in order to protect my due process rights "to retaining a full bite at the apple".

Sincerely,

/s/ Taurus S. Watts
Taurus Watts
BRCI-Wateree Unit
4460 Broad River Road
Columbia, S.C. 29210

cc: K. Hudgins
s.c. att. gen.
12/14/ 2016

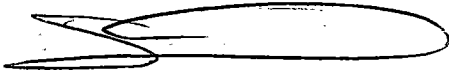
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy to relieve Counsel has been forwarded to Ms. Hudgins, as well as served upon Jessica Kenard, Esquire, at the Rembert Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Room 519, Columbia, S.C. 29210, this 14th day of December 2016. With adequate postage attached thereto.

s/ Taurus Watts
Taurus Watts
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4460 Broad River Road
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Served before me

14 December 2016



My commission expires


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