

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Carlos Scott, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2016-001118


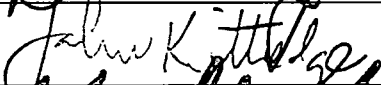
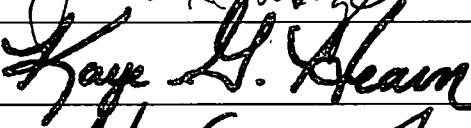

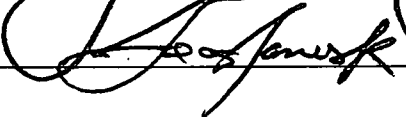
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## ORDER

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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 asserts that the petition is without merit and requests permission to withdraw from further representation. Petitioner has not filed a *pro se* response.

Petitioner alleges plea counsel was ineffective for failing to file a direct appeal from petitioner's guilty plea. After careful consideration of the record as required by Johnson v. State, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988), we find no issues of arguable merit. We further find a direct appeal would, in any event, be to no avail because the circuit court had subject matter jurisdiction to accept petitioner's guilty plea and no issue was preserved for direct review. We deny the petition and grant counsel's request to withdraw.

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Columbia, South Carolina

May 31, 2017

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