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Mr. Daniel E. Shearouse,

S.C. SUPREME COURT

I'm responding to your letter that I've received on May 22nd 2017. I understand what you saying to me but, I don't feel that's it's right at all since this rule not saying what that paper that you sent to me in the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules book or on the computers in the law library. I knew that if I was searching for any laws or Rules the computers would be updated. In Rule 243 it said that I only have 30 days to file my petition for writ of Certiorari and that the State only have 30 days to reply. I'm not saying that it couldn't be true but, I'm wondering why it haven't been updated for guys like me going pro'se and trying to follow all rules. When I was granted pro'se I was given 30 days to file my petition when the paperwork you sent me says 60 days. I'm just trying to get on the same page cause I don't have nobody helping me but, law clerks in the law library plus the computer access is there. I'm fighting for my life back here so I just want to know what rules apply so I don't be left in the dark cause I know one false rule and I'm out of here. Copy of Rule 243 updated from the Computer.


Thank you,

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The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Taurus Watts, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2016-000500

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

ORDER

Based on petitioner's response to this Court's order dated February 15, 2017, petitioner's counsel is relieved, and the records of this Court now indicate that petitioner is representing himself in this matter. The Division of Appellate Defense shall remain associated for the limited purpose of making copies of documents that are required to be served and filed under Rule 243 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR).

The petition for a writ of certiorari filed by counsel is hereby stricken, and petitioner shall have thirty (30) days from the date of this order to provide a copy of a *pro se* petition for a writ of certiorari to the Division of Appellate Defense. This petition shall comply with the requirements of Rule 243(e), SCACR. The Division of Appellate Defense shall promptly serve the Office of the Attorney General with a copy of the petition and shall file the required copies of the petition, along with a proof of service showing that a copy of the petition has been served on the Office of the Attorney General, with this Court.



FOR THE COURT

C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina
February 28, 2017

cc: James Clayton Mitchell, III, Esquire
Kathrine Haggard Hudgins, Esquire
Mr. Taurus Watts, 324820

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The Supreme Court of South Carolina

ORDER

In all appellate proceedings in which the Office of Appellate Defense provides legal counsel or is associated for costs, the following shall apply:

(1) **Appeals.**

(a) The thirty (30) day period for serving and filing appellant's initial brief and designation of matter under Rule 208(a)(1), SCACR, shall be increased to sixty (60) days.

(b) The thirty (30) day period of serving and filing respondent's initial brief and designation of matter under Rule 208(a)(2), SCACR, shall be increased to forty-five (45) days.

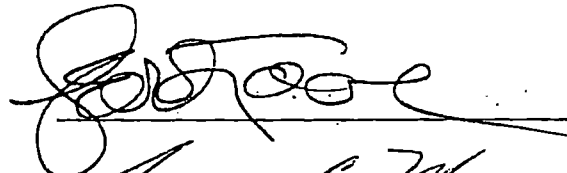
(2) **Post-Conviction Relief Cases.**

(a) The ten (10) day period to order the transcript as provided by Rule 227(b) and 207(a), SCACR, shall be increased to thirty (30) days.

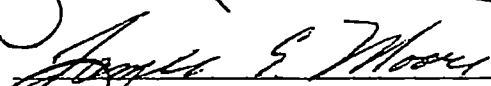
(b) The thirty (30) day period for serving and filing the petition for certiorari and appendix under Rule 227(c), SCACR, shall be increased to sixty (60) days.

(c) The thirty (30) day period for serving and filing the return under Rule 227(f), SCACR, shall be increased to forty-five (45) days.

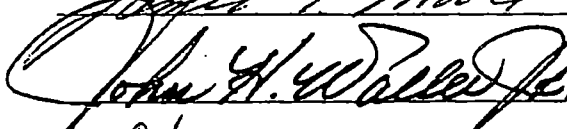
IT IS SO ORDERED.



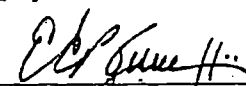
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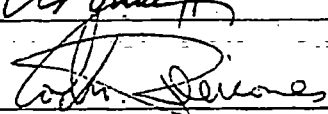
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