

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

Kareem Simmons, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2017-000801

ORDER

Upon review of the notice of appeal filed in this case, the Court noted counsel for the appellant, James Watson Smiley, IV, failed to file a guilty plea explanation as required by Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iv) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The Court mailed letters to counsel on April 6, April 28, and June 5, 2017, requesting a guilty plea explanation. Counsel has failed to respond to any of our letters. Along with the notice of appeal, the appellant filed a request for the Division of Appellate Defense to assume representation of his appeal. Counsel for the appellant must provide a Rule 203 guilty plea explanation before the Court will consider the appellant's request to relieve counsel. Mr. Smiley must file a guilty plea explanation within ten days of the date of this order or this appeal will be dismissed.



, J.

FOR THE COURT

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