

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2014-CP-40-05384  
S.C. Supreme Court Case No: 2015-002421

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Willie Ritter  
SCDC #00337044

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina

Respondent.

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MOTION FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, A  
BOND HEARING FOR THE PETITIONER/DEFENDANT

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YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that William B. von Herrmann, the attorney of record for the Petitioner, hereby moves the Court for an Order expediting the hearing of this matter or, in the alternative, an Order for a Bond Hearing for the Petitioner/Defendant. This Motion is based upon the following facts:

1. William B. von Herrmann was hired by the Petitioner to represent him regarding his Post-Conviction Relief hearing which was held in Richland County on July 15, 2015;
2. Judge G. Thomas Cooper denied the Petitioner's PCR application in an Order dated 27 October 2015 and notice was received of the same by Petitioner's counsel on 9 November 2015;
3. The Notice of Appeal was sent to the Courts and also copied to Petitioner Ritter and the S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense on November 24, 2015 and clocked with the S.C. Supreme Court on November 25, 2015;

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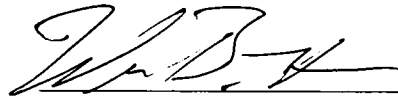
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4. The Writ of Certiorari and Appendix were filed with the S.C. Supreme Court on 29 March 2016 by Petitioner's counsel;
5. Petitioner and his counsel received notice on 6 March 2017 that Petitioner's case was being transferred to S.C. Court of Appeals;
6. The Petitioner, Willie Ritter, is 73 years of age and has been incarcerated since 24 September 2009. He is elderly and suffers from serious health conditions.

For the foregoing reasons, William B. von Herrmann, attorney for Petitioner Willie Ritter, hereby moves the Court for an expedited decision/hearing in this matter or, in the alternative, an Order granting Petitioner a bond hearing due to his age and ill health so that he may be bonded out of jail until such time as the Court renders a decision in this matter.

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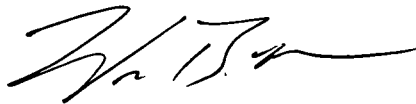
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Motion for an Expedited Hearing or, in the alternative, a Bond Hearing for the Petitioner/Defendant on the State of South Carolina by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on June 27, 2017, addressed to its attorney of record, J. Clayton Mitchell, C/O South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Post Office Box 11549, Columbia, SC 29211.

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

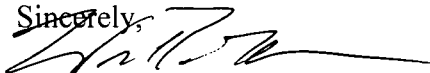
Please find enclosed the following documents in the above entitled action:

- (1) The original and six (6) copies of a Motion for an Expedited Hearing or, in the alternative, a Bond Hearing for the Petitioner/Defendant;
- (2) The original and six (6) copies of Proof of Service on the Respondent.

Please return a clocked copy of the Motion and Proof of Service to me in the self-addressed and stamped envelope enclosed for your convenience.

Under Rule 240(d), SCACR, no filing fee is required for the enclosed Motion. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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