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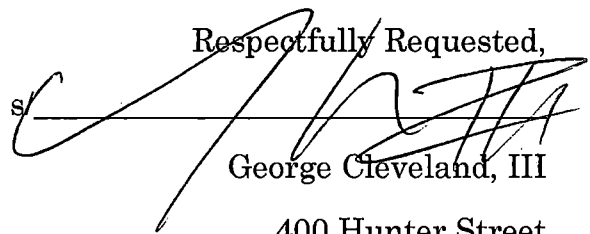
The South Carolina Supreme Court
Daniel E. Shearouse, Clerk of Court
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Columbia, S.C. 29211

**Re; George Cleveland, III, v. State, Lower Court Case no. 2014-CP-37-00718
of the Oconee County Court of Common Pleas. Petitioner's Motion for
Leave to Proceed *Prose*.**

Dear Mr. Shearouse,

Attached to this letter is my Motion for Leave to Proceed Prose, supporting Exhibits, and Proof of Service? Three (3) copies, and original are attached hereto. Can you please docket, and forward to the Court for their consideration?

Respectfully Requested,

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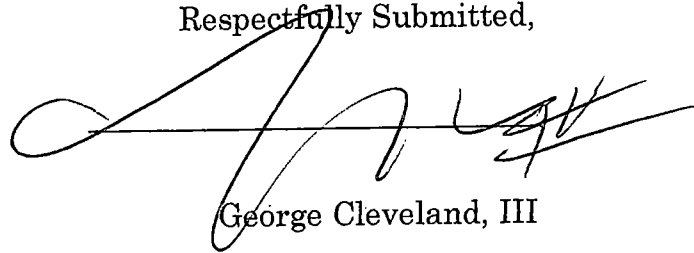
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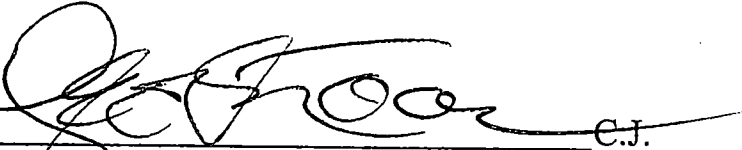
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Columbia, South Carolina

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I, George Cleveland, III, proceeding pro se in the above captioned case, certifies that on the date below, with proper prepaid postage affixed, properly addressed, and placed in the custody of the United States Postal Service to the Counsel of Record for the State, the following Legal Documents:

Motion to Proceed *Prose* in P.C.R. Appeal,

Supporting Appendix, to the following address, and Entity:

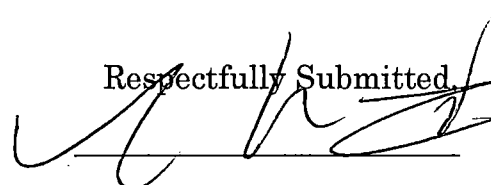
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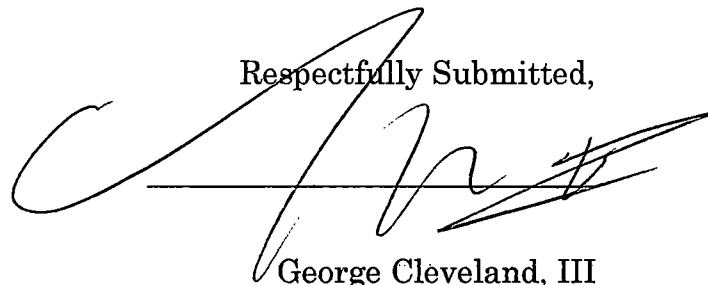
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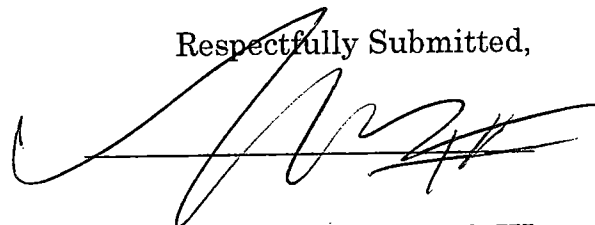
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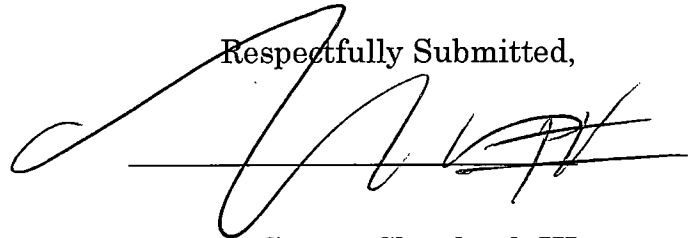
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