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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Re: The State v. Muttaqin Fatir Abdullah
Appellate Case No. 2016-002217

(Motion For Appointment OF Counsel)

- 1, Appellate is indigent, and does not have adequate funds to afford counsel.
- 2, Appellate was a Pro Se Litigant, at the beginning of his criminal trial October 19, 2016 upon difficult circumstances. See: Motion by Counsel, Timothy Murphy to withdraw as counsel.
- 3, Appellate has very limited knowledge to the law, and is without legal assistance.
- 4, Appellate is still without the possession of his trial Transcript, and must have possession by law.

Legal Citation: In 1955, the justices took up the issue of the rights of poor people accused of, or convicted of, committing a crime. *Griffin v. Illinois* involved a man who was unable to appeal his conviction because he could not afford to pay for a typed transcript of his trial.

The question before the Court: May a person too poor to pay for a transcript be forced to sacrifice his constitutional right to have his appeal heard?

The justices' answer was "No." If an appellant - a person who appeals - cannot afford a transcript, the state must bear the cost. In criminal trials, a State can no more discriminate on account of poverty than on account of religion, race, or color," Justice Hugo Black wrote for the majority. Plainly the ability to pay costs bears no rational relationship to a defendant's guilt or innocence."

I declare under penalty of perjury
that the foregoing is true and
correct, executed on the date of
7/19/17.

Signature: Muttaqin Abdulloh

Respectfully Submitted
Muttaqin Abdulloh

Proof of Service

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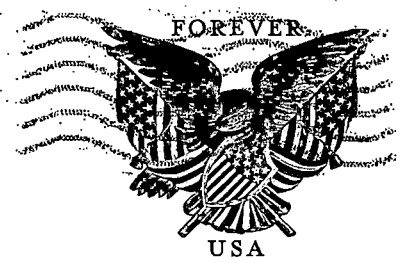
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