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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Daniel E. Shearouse, Clerk
The Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re.: Johnell Porter v. State
2017-001605

Dear Clerk Shearouse:

I received your letter dated August 3, 2017. I was relieved from Mr. Porter's case back in April of this year by Judge Cooper pursuant to Mr. Porter's request. The order being appealed seems to be in order signed in July of this year, some 2.5 months after I was relieved. The only order (other than the order relieving me as counsel) that was issued during my representation was signed in August and immediately appealed. The Supreme Court then sent an Order back saying that the order I appealed was not a final order and sent the case back to the lower court. Therefore, I don't believe that I represent Mr. Porter on this new appeal that was filed because I was not representing him at the time the lower court issued the ruling. Furthermore, since he specifically requested that I be relieved, I am a little uncomfortable assisting him with this current appeal. Finally, the issue he seems to be complaining about is not even an appealable issue. He wants his after discovered evidence motion heard. That hearing has not been held and every order issued was without prejudice to him, so that case can be heard at the lower court and then all orders will be ripe for appeal. I am requesting clarification from this Court as to whether or not I need to represent him on this appeal or seek appellate counsel for him since I was no longer his counsel at the time this order was issued. Thank you for your help and I apologize for the confusion.

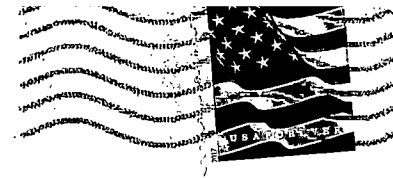
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