

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Lee County
Jocelyn Newman, Circuit Court Judge

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

ERNEST TONEY,

PETITIONER,

V.

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT.

Appellate Case No. 2017-000063

Motion to Substitute Counsel


Petitioner would respectfully request that John H. Strom and the Office of Appellate Defense be relieved of counsel and have Tristan M. Shaffer substituted as counsel of record for Petitioner. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

1. John H. Strom and the Office of Appellate Defense were appointed pursuant to Rule 608, SCACR.
2. Since the appointment of counsel, Petitioner has retained Tristan M. Shaffer as private counsel in this case.
3. Mr. Shaffer is prepared to represent Petitioner in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner would respectfully request an order relieving John H. Strom and the Office of Appellate Defense and allow Tristan M. Shaffer to be substituted as

counsel of record for Petitioner. Counsel requests that the time limits for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

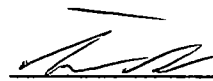
Respectfully submitted,



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Consent:



*w/ permission
from John H. Strom*

John H. Strom

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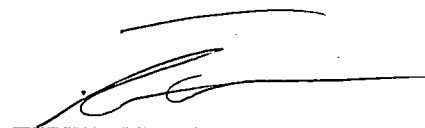
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Certificate of Service

I certify that on this day, I have served a copy of the Motion to Substitute Counsel in the above captioned case on Respondent by depositing it in the United States mail with postage prepaid and addressed to the Attorney for Respondent as listed below.



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