

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Steven L. Barnes, Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2017-000967

ORDER

After careful consideration, Appellant's motion to relieve counsel is denied. Furthermore, because Appellant was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment on October 13, 2017 and entered into the South Carolina Department of Corrections' custody on October 16, 2017, this appeal is moot and Respondent's motion to dismiss is granted. *See Shah v. Richland Memorial Hospital*, 350 S.C. 139, 150, 564 S.E.2d 681, 687 (Ct. App. 2002) ("A case becomes moot when judgment, if rendered, will have no practical legal effect upon [an] existing controversy. This is true when some event occurs making it impossible for [a] reviewing [c]ourt to grant effectual relief."). The remittitur will be sent as required by Rule 221(b), SCACR.



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