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Mr. Ronald Coulter, 300410
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Dear Mr. Coulter:

This responds to your letter dated December 23, 2017. This office has contacted the South Carolina Court of Appeals and they can provide this Court with two copies of the documents necessary to comprise the Appendix. Therefore, if you timely serve and file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari with this Court, you will not need to file an Appendix in this matter.

You will, of course, still need to serve a copy of the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari on the opposing counsel as required by 242(d) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. If your incarceration prevents you from filing an original and six copies of the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari with this Court, you will only need to file the original Petition with this Court.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Office of the Attorney General

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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

RE: Ronald Coulter, #300410, Appellant, v. State of South
Carolina, Respondent; Appellate Case No. 2013-002379

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am the pro se appellant in the above-referenced case in the Court of Appeals, which was an appeal from the dismissal of a petition for state habeas corpus in the circuit court. The Court of Appeals affirmed the lower court's decision on October 18, 2017. A timely petition for rehearing was denied on December 14, 2017.

I am attempting to prepare a petition for certiorari to the Court of Appeals. However, the South Carolina Department of Corrections' policy prohibiting the copying of legal documents created by inmates, and legal material deemed excessive, has made it impossible for me to comply with the procedural requirements of Rule 242, SCACR. As an SCDC inmate, I have no ability to reasonably produce copies of the necessary legal matters, such as petitions, motions, appendices, etc., to be filed with the courts or served on the opposing counsel, regardless of my indigency.

In the appellate case below, the Court of Appeals ultimately granted my request to reinstate the appeal, and appointed the Appellate Defense to produce the necessary documents, and copies, required to prosecute the habeas appeal below. I have enclosed a copy of that order. As a result, I have only one bound copy of the record on appeal and final briefs in the appellate case below.

I am respectfully asking for this Court's consideration and liberality with this pro se petition for certiorari in this habeas appellate action, which is due on or about January 13, 2018.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald Coulter

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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

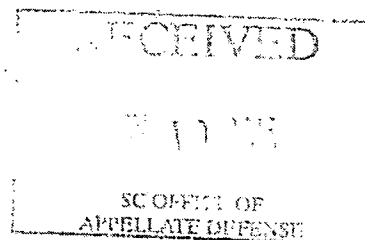
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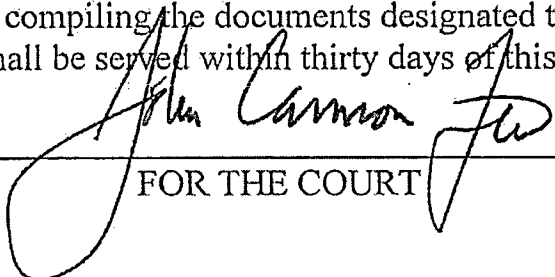
Appellate Case No. 2013-002379

ORDER



This appeal was dismissed due to Appellant's failure to serve Respondent with an amended record on appeal that contains all items listed in the parties' designations of matter. Appellant has filed a petition to reinstate the dismissal of this appeal, explaining that he is indigent and is financially unable to print the record on appeal.

Under these unique circumstances, we find it appropriate to reinstate this appeal and appoint the Division of Appellate Defense for the sole purpose of printing the record on appeal and Appellant's final brief. We urge the Attorney General's Office to assist Appellate Defense in compiling the documents designated to be included in the record. The record shall be served within thirty days of this order.



FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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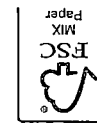
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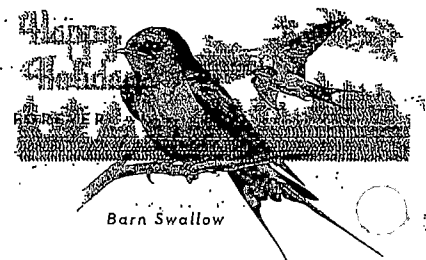
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