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SC Court of Appeals

The Hon. Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: State v. David Walker, Appellate Case No. 2017-000550

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I represent David Walker in the above-referenced case. On January 25, 2018, Mr. Walker filed several documents with the Court concerning his desire to proceed *pro se*. I respectfully ask the Court to construe these documents as his motion to proceed *pro se*.

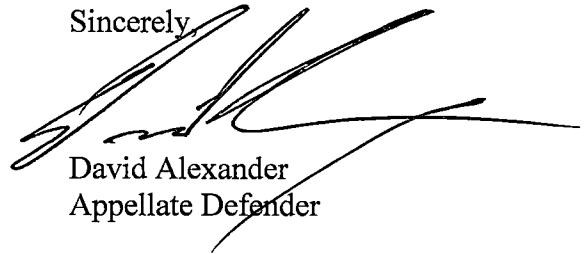
Judge R. Knox McMahon allowed Mr. Walker to represent himself at trial. A Blair hearing was held and Judge McMahon found Mr. Walker competent to stand trial.

Mr. Walker has consistently expressed his desire to proceed *pro se* to me. I have discussed with Mr. Walker the disadvantages of self-representation on appeal and the fact that no right to self-representation exists on appeal. I have advised him of my opinion that his interests would be better served by having an attorney handle his appeal, but that is not the issue. I am satisfied that he understands the disadvantages of handling his own appeal, and, just as he did at trial, wishes to represent himself.

I have also explained to Mr. Walker that, in my opinion, I must continue to represent him unless this Court orders me relieved and allows him to represent himself.

I respectfully ask the Court to decide Mr. Walker's motion and hold my deadlines for filing his initial brief and designation of matter in abeyance until the Court makes its decision. I very much appreciate the Court's consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Alexander', written over the typed name and title.

David Alexander
Appellate Defender

c. Robert M. Dudek, Esq.
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