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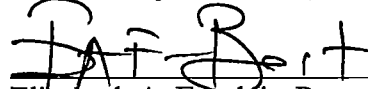
Indictment No. 2016-GS-30-0757

Stephen Trase Fincher.....Appellant,
v.
State of South Carolina.....Respondent.

MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL

The undersigned, Elizabeth A. Franklin-Best, respectfully motions this Court for an Order Substituting Counsel for Larry Crane. It appears that counsel Larry Crane was granted an extension by this Court on December 19, 2017 to allow Mr. Fincher an opportunity to submit an affidavit of indigency to the Appellate Division of the Office of Indigent Defense so they could handle the appeal. The affidavit of indigency has not been returned to OID. Chief Appellate Defender Robert M. Dudek of OID confirms the affidavit of indigency has not been received, so the case has not been approved for OID to resume representation, and therefore no transcript has been ordered. Counsel has been retained by Mr. Fincher's family and is requesting a copy of the transcript from Ms. Mary Ann Nevers today. Counsel Franklin-Best is filing this motion at the request of Mr. Fincher.

Respectfully submitted,



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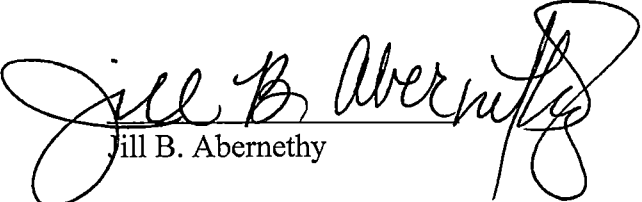
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of Appellate's Motion to Substitute Counsel was served by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, this 8th day of February, 2018, upon the following:

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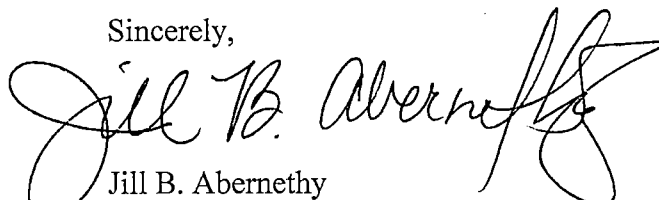
RE: *Stephen Trase Fincher v. State of South Carolina*

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed for filing, with certificate of service, the original and seven copy of the Appellant's Motion to Substitute Counsel in regards to the above captioned case. Please clock-in the extra copy and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,


Jill B. Abernethy
Paralegal

Enclosure

cc: Alan Wilson, Esq.
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