

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Cliston John Bellamy, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2018-000279

Lower Court Case No. 2016CP2606674

ORDER

After petitioner filed a *pro se* notice of appeal in this case, the Clerk of this Court requested that petitioner's counsel of record, Steven Willard Fowler, Esquire, provide the date on which he received written notice of entry of the order dated January 5, 2018. By letter dated February 28, 2018, a paralegal for Mr. Fowler responded that, while Mr. Fowler was appointed counsel before the circuit court, he was not counsel for petitioner in this appellate proceeding. Enclosed with this letter was a notice of appeal signed by Mr. Fowler.

By letter dated March 14, 2018, the Clerk of this Court, advised Mr. Fowler that he remains as counsel of record for the petitioner before this Court pursuant to Rule 71.1(g) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 264 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, and asked that Mr. Fowler provide the date previously requested in the letter of February 23, 2018, within ten (10) days. Despite a follow-up phone call from by the Clerk's office, Mr. Fowler has not provided the requested information.¹

Within ten (10) days of the date of this order, Mr. Fowler shall provide this Court with a written statement as to when he received written notice of entry of the order

¹ A copy of the letters previously referenced in this order are enclosed.

dated January 5, 2018, and a written explanation as to why he did not make a timely response to this Court's letter dated March 14, 2018.



FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina
April 17, 2018

Enclosures

cc: Johnny Ellis James, Jr., Esquire
Steven Willard Fowler, Esquire
Mr. Cliston John Bellamy, 343259