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1015 Sumter Street  
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RE: Appellate Case No. **2012-212102** City of Georgetown v. Willie Singleton

Dear V. Clair Allen,

On January 08, 2013 I received a letter from you and that letter gave me great reason to pause. I am a Pro Se Appellant and I filed an appeal because of the miscarriage of justice in the lower court. I filed the appeal on May 14, 2012. That's somewhere around eight month ago, give or take a day or two and I have not receive a response from the Respondent or Non-Respondent in this case.

I was told that I needed to file a designation of matter back in November according with Rule 208 and 209, SCACR

**RULE 208  
INITIAL BRIEFS**

***(a) Time for Serving and Filing Initial Briefs.***

***(1) Brief of Appellant.*** Within thirty (30) days after receiving the transcript or, if no transcript is ordered, within thirty (30) days after serving the notice of appeal, appellant shall serve one copy of his brief on all parties to the appeal, and file with the clerk of the appellate court one copy of the brief with proof of service.

***(2) Brief of Respondent.*** Within thirty (30) days after service of appellant's brief, respondent shall serve one copy of his brief on all parties to the appeal and file with the clerk of the appellate court one copy of the brief with proof of service.

**(3) Reply Brief.** *An appellant may file and serve a brief in reply to the brief of respondent. If a reply brief is prepared, appellant shall, within ten (10) days after service of respondent's brief, serve one copy of the reply brief on all parties to the appeal and file with the clerk of the appellate court one copy of the reply brief with proof of service.*

**(4) Failure to File.** *Upon the failure of the appellant to file and serve his brief within the time prescribed, the clerk of the appellate court shall sign an order dismissing the appeal, and the appeal shall not be reinstated except as provided by Rule 260. Upon the failure of respondent to timely file a brief, the appellate court may take such action as it deems proper.*

## **RULE 209**

### **DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON APPEAL**

*(a) Time to Serve and File. At the same time a party serves his initial brief(s) under Rule 208, to include a reply brief, he shall also serve on all parties to the appeal a Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal which shall set forth with specificity those parts of the transcript, pleadings, orders, exhibits, or other materials which he proposes to include in the record on appeal. One copy of this Designation with proof of service shall immediately be filed with the clerk of the appellate court.*

Like I said, I am a Pro Se Appellant and even from my limited understanding it is not the court responsibility to notify an attorney of their thirty days extension when they never ask the court for an extension.

This court made it clear to me a Pro Se Appellant that I had ten days to send in the designation of matter or the case would be dismissed, even though the rules don't say that, so it appears to me that the rules that apply to me do not apply to the Respondent. When I look at this case as a whole and the actions of this court, I can draw but one conclusion. It is my belief that the administration of the court of appeals has not treated me or my case with the fairness that others expect when dealing with the court of appeals. I do not understand why you have decided that my case is not important enough to move forward in the appeal court system.

I would like for this letter to be placed in the case file to show the extent that taken to prevent this case from moving forward. This action is mainly for cases that I may file in the future.

I am very truly yours

  
Willie Singleton

Cc: Jenny Abbott Kitchings Clerk  
Cc: Respondent  
Cc: file