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SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

HON: D.W. BEATTY, C.J.  
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RE: LEROY BENNETT, 153421, PET. v. STATE OF S.C., In re:  
2019-001225, 2018-CP-16-0422, ORDER OF DISMISSAL

DEAR JUDGE BEATTY,

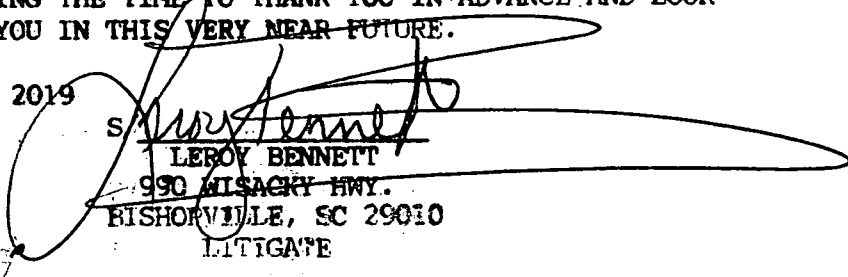
PLEASE ALLOW MY CORRESPONDENCE TO SERVE AS MY FORMAL  
RESPONSES TO THE ORDER THE COURT ISSUED IN THE ABOVE CASE  
MATTER.

JUDGE BEATTY YOU HAVE ISSUED AN ORDER OF DISMISSAL IN  
MY CASE AND I HAD NO WAY OF HAVING THE COURT TO REVIEW THE  
DECISIONS OF THE ADVERSE PARTY THAT BY FACT IS CAUSING ME TO  
BE FOREVER CONDEMN IN PRISON. YOU EVEN MENTIONED IN THE  
ORDER THAT I INFORMED THE COURT THAT I COULD NOT AFFORD  
TO PAY THE COURT FILING FEES, AND I ALSO INFORMED THE COURT  
THAT I SEEK TO HAVE AN ILLEGAL SENTENCE CORRECTED IN THE  
LOWER COURT ONCE THE SUPREME COURT APPROVED AND OR GRANT  
PERMISSION TO FILE IT IN THE LOWER COURT.

HOWEVER, I HAVE THE TOOK THE LIBERTY TO PROVIDE TO THE  
COURT THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS THAT WOULD AID THE COURT TO  
GRANT APPROVALS TO FILE MY MOTION TO CORRECT THE ILLEGAL  
SENTENCE. I ALSO AM TAKING THE LIBERTY TO INFORM THE COURT  
THAT I HAVE NO FUNDS AND CAN NOT AFFORD TO HAVE COPIES MADE,  
THEREFORE I ASK THAT THE COURT RETURN MY FILED DOCUMENTS TO  
ME ONCE THE COURT HAVE REVIEWED THEM. I HAVE NOT FILED TO  
THE COURT A MOTION TO APPOINT COUNSEL TO REPRESENT ME BECAUSE  
OF MY COMPLEX CASE AND ALL OF THE NOVEL ISSUES, SURROUNDING  
THE ILLEGAL SENTENCE THAT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED BY THE LOWER  
COURT THAT SENTENCED ME IN 1988.

I AM TAKING THE TIME TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE AND LOOK  
TO HEAR FROM YOU IN THIS VERY NEAR FUTURE.

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LITIGATE

cc: NAACP/COORD.  
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Leroy Bennett, 153421, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2019-001225

Lower Court Case No. 2018CP160422

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## ORDER

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By order dated July 16, 2019, the South Carolina Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal in this matter. When no petition for rehearing or reinstatement was received regarding this dismissal order, the Court of Appeals sent the remittitur on August 2, 2019.<sup>1</sup>

Petitioner has filed a petition for a writ of certiorari seeking review of this dismissal order by the Court of Appeals.<sup>2</sup> This petition is dismissed for several reasons.

First, petitioner has not paid the \$250 filing fee required by Rule 242(c) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), or served and filed a motion with this Court seeking a waiver of that fee.

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<sup>1</sup> The appellate case number before the Court of Appeals is 2019-000392.

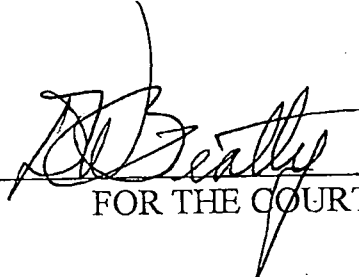
<sup>2</sup> This petition was received by this Court on July 24, 2019. While Rule 242(c) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules requires petitioner to provide a proof of service showing that a copy of the petition was served on the Court of Appeals, this proof of service has not been provided. Further, the Appellate Case Management System fails to show that the Court of Appeals received a copy of the petition for a writ of certiorari before sending the remittitur.

Second, petitioner has failed to file an appendix having the content specified by Rule 242(e), SCACR, or to provide a proof of service showing that a copy of the appendix has been served on opposing counsel as required by Rule 242(e), SCACR.

Third, under Rule 242(a), SCACR, this Court will only review a final decision of the Court of Appeals, and a decision is not final for the purposes of review until a petition for rehearing or reinstatement has been acted on by the Court of Appeals. Rule 242(c), SCACR. Since no petition for rehearing or reinstatement has been ruled on by the Court of Appeals regarding the dismissal order,<sup>3</sup> there is no final decision for this Court to review.

Fourth, when no petition for rehearing or reinstatement was received by the Court of Appeals regarding the dismissal order, the Court of Appeals properly sent the remittitur. Rule 221, SCACR. The sending of the remittitur ended appellate jurisdiction over this case. *Wise v. S.C. Dept. of Corr.*, 372 S.C. 173, 642 S.E.2d 551 (2007).

Accordingly, the petition for a writ of certiorari is dismissed.

  
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FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina  
September 19, 2019

cc: Harley Littleton Kirkland, Esquire  
Mr. Leroy Bennett, #153421

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<sup>3</sup> Petitioner did attempt to file a petition for rehearing regarding the order denying his request to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court of Appeals properly advised him that no action would be taken on this petition under Rule 240(i), SCACR ("The court will not entertain petitions for rehearing on a motion or petition unless the action of the court on the motion or petition has the effect of dismissing or finally deciding a party's appeal.").