

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Lorenzo A. Jackson, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2019-001346

Lower Court Case No. 2016CP2307620

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## ORDER

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In this post-conviction relief case, petitioner was represented by retained counsel before the circuit court, and this counsel has served and filed a notice of appeal. By letter dated November 5, 2019, counsel advised this Court that he has not been retained to represent petitioner in this appellate proceeding.

Counsel now moves to be relieved as counsel for the petitioner. Counsel indicates petitioner, who he believes is indigent, has failed to complete and return an affidavit of indigency. This affidavit is necessary for the Division of Appellate Defense of the Office of Indigent Defense to make a determination if petitioner is entitled to appointed counsel in this appellate proceeding.

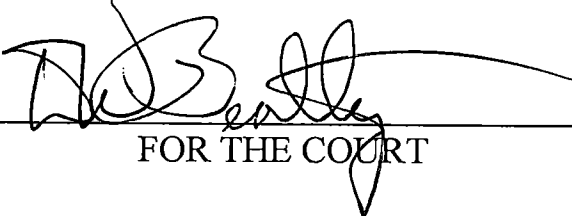
The motion is granted, and Richard Harold Warder, Esquire, is hereby relieved as counsel for the petitioner.

Within fifteen (15) days of the date of this order, petitioner shall either advise this Court of the name of the counsel he has retained to represent him in this appellate case, or complete and return the enclosed affidavit of indigency if he believes he is indigent and desires to have counsel appointed by the Division of Appellate Defense.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This response should be sent to Supreme Court of South Carolina, P.O. Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211.

Petitioner is warned that if he fails to either retain counsel or complete and return the affidavit of indigency, this Court may find that he has waived his right to be represented by counsel in this case, and may require him to represent himself in this appellate case. If petitioner represents himself in this case, this Court will require full compliance with all applicable rules and procedures, and the failure to comply with such rules or procedures could result in the dismissal of this appellate case and a forfeiture of the right to seek appellate review. Petitioner is strongly encouraged to either hire counsel or seek to have counsel appointed if he is indigent by completing and returning the enclosed affidavit of indigency.

  
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FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina  
December 09, 2019

Enclosure (Affidavit of Indigency)

cc: Taylor Zane Smith, Esquire  
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Mr. Lorenzo A. Jackson, 344829