

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Georgetown County  
Larry B. Hyman, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JODY WARD,

APPELLANT.

Appellate Case No.: 2018-000402

**Petition to Reinstate Appeal**

The above named Appellant, would respectfully move this Court to reinstate the appeal. Appellant's motion to reconsider the denial of Defendant's Motion to proceed pro se. To support this motion Counsel would show the following:

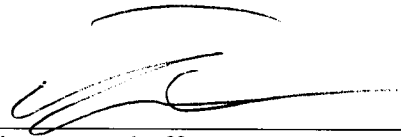
1. Counsel learned of issues involving the original Record on Appeal during the week of November 11, 2019.
2. Counsel prepared and emailed Respondent the contents of the Supplemental Record on Appeal on November 17, 2019.
3. On November 18, 2019, began a 6 co-defendant attempted murder trial in general sessions court. Counsel spent most of November preparing this complicated case because he had just got involved in the case in October. This trial resulted in a directed verdict on December 5, 2019.

4. Counsel had the Supplemental Record on Appeal and Final Brief of Respondent printed on December 2, 2019.
5. The general sessions trial required counsel to be out of town from early in the morning until late in the evening most working days while it was pending it was pending.
6. Petitioner received the abeyance motion filed by Respondent. However, counsel reviewed it quickly and was under the impression that is was for the time limit for filing for final briefing. Today, Counsel reviewed this motion clearly and realized that this clearly was not the case. Counsel apologizes the this mistake.
7. This morning, Counsel was preparing a certificate of service and planning to deliver the Supplemental Record on Appeal and Final Brief of Appellant to the Court. Counsel reviewed c-track to determine if the abeyance motion had been ruled upon. This is when counsel learned that the appeal had been dismissed.
8. Counsel request that the appeal be reinstated.
9. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.
10. Counsel has attempted to communicate with Counsel for the State concerning this motion. The State does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request this appeal be reinstated.

(Signature Page Follows)

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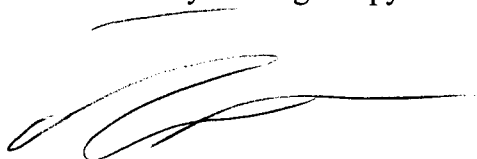
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date below I served the Final Brief, Supplemental Record on Appeal, and Petition to Reinstate the Appeal on The State of South Carolina by mailing a copy to the Respondent at the address below.

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Re: The State v. Jody Lynn Ward (Appellate Case 2018-000402)

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

Enclosed please find the Petition to Reinstate Appeal, Final Brief, and Supplemental Record on Appeal in the above referenced case.

Sincerely,

  
Tristan M. Shaffer

CC: Caroline Scrantom