

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM DILLON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Roger E. Henderson, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2016-CP-17-0217

Shawn Bethea,

Appellant,

v.

Dillon County Sheriff's
Department and Dillon
County,

Respondent.

APPELLANT COUNSEL'S MOTION TO BE RELIEVED


Appellant's Counsel respectfully requests to be relieved in the above referenced case. To support this motion Counsel would show the following:

- 1) In the summer of 2017, Counsel agreed to be substituted in as counsel of record for Appellant when Appellant's previous counsel moved to be relieved..
- 2) Counsel did not agree to represent Appellant on any matter other than his case in the Court of Common Pleas.
- 3) Summary judgment was granted in favor of Respondent.
- 4) Counsel informed Appellant that he wished to be relieved as counsel.

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- 5) Appellant objects to Counsel being relieved.
- 6) The attorney-client relationship has broken down completely. Appellant will not listen to Counsel's views, and instead continuously asserts that he knows the law and that Counsel does not. Appellant's view of the law is often inaccurate; however, he refuses to even consider Counsel's advice. Many of these arguments break down into Appellant screaming at Counsel and accusing him of unethical conduct.
- 7) Counsel is not attempting to get paid for this case, and the case is likely to continue to cost Counsel time and money that he is no longer willing to spend.
- 8) Appellant asked Counsel to appeal the grant of summary judgment.
- 9) To protect Appellant's interest, Counsel has filed the notice of appeal.
- 10) However, as Counsel tried to explain to Appellant, Counsel does not believe that the continuation of the case is justified. Counsel believes the time and cost associated with proceeding with the appeal does not justify the potential benefit of winning the appeal.

Based on the foregoing, Counsel respectfully request to be relieved as counsel in this case.



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Re: Shawn Bethea v. Dillon County Sheriff's Office, et. al. 2016-CP-17-0217

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

Please find the enclosed Notice of Appeal, Certificate of Service, Order Granting Summary Judgment, Motion and Affidavit to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, and Motion to Relieve Counsel in the above referenced case.

Sincerely,

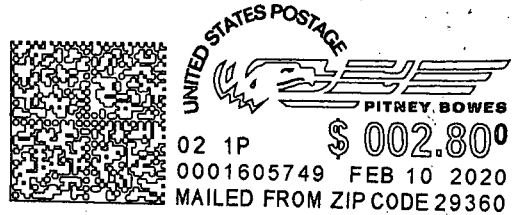


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