

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Nathaniel Johnson, Jr., Petitioner,

v.

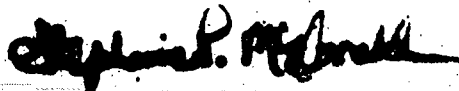
State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2020-000110

ORDER

Petitioner moves to relieve counsel and proceed pro se in this matter. Petitioner may proceed pro se in this matter only after knowingly and intelligently waiving the right to counsel. *See Faretta v. California*, 422 U.S. 806 (1975); *State v. Brewer*, 328 S.C. 117, 492 S.E.2d 97 (1997). We take this opportunity to warn Petitioner that this Court requires pro se parties to fully comply with all applicable rules. Petitioner is certain to be unlearned in other aspects of the law as well. Representation by an attorney trained in the law would be highly beneficial, and we strongly encourage Petitioner to continue with representation by the Division of Appellate Defense.

After considering this information, Petitioner shall, within twenty days of the date of this order, notify this Court whether he wishes to proceed pro se or continue to be represented by the Division of Appellate Defense. If Petitioner notifies this Court that he wishes to proceed pro se despite the dangers and disadvantages of doing so, this Court will then determine if it will allow him to do so. *Cf. State v. Roberts*, 364 S.C. 583, 614 S.E.2d 626 (2005) (providing there is no right to proceed pro se on appeal). If Petitioner fails to notify this Court within twenty days, the Division of Appellate Defense will continue to provide representation in this matter.



FOR THE COURT

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