

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Dennis Hoover, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2020-000255

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## ORDER

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Counsel for Petitioner moves to be relieved as counsel of record in this matter. The motion to be relieved as counsel is granted. After reviewing Petitioner's Affidavit of Indigency, the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, Division of Appellate Defense (Appellate Defense) has determined Petitioner is not indigent and, therefore, not eligible for representation by Appellate Defense.

Petitioner shall, within twenty (20) days of the date of this order, notify the Court either of the name of his new retained counsel or that he wishes to proceed *pro se*. If no response is received, our records will reflect Petitioner is proceeding *pro se*.

We take this opportunity to warn petitioner of the dangers and disadvantages of self-representation. If petitioner proceeds *pro se*, this Court will require full compliance with all applicable rules. Representation by an attorney trained in the law would be highly beneficial, and the deprivation of the knowledge and experience of learned counsel could be detrimental to petitioner's interests. We strongly encourage petitioner to retain counsel to represent him in this matter.

  
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FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina  
May 22, 2020

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Dennis E. Hoover