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SC Court of Appeals

V. Claire Allen, Chief Deputy Clerk
S. C. Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Nathaniel Johnson, Jr. v. The State - Appellate Case No. 2020-000110

Dear Ms. Allen:

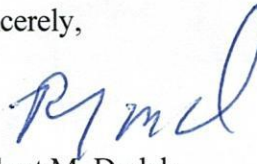
Nathaniel Johnson Jr. requested in his letter to the Court dated January 23, 2020, the appointment of standby appellate counsel for the above-referenced appeal. The Court in turn responded to Mr. Johnson on March 9, 2020 acknowledging receipt of his application to proceed In Forma Pauperis. Our office filed a return to the motion to appoint standby appellate counsel on March 17, 2020 vigorously opposing any order appointing this office as standby counsel. On April 1, 2020, the Court filed an order denying his motion for standby counsel.

In an order filed on July 7, 2020, the Court informed Nathaniel Johnson he may alternatively proceed pro se in this matter only after knowingly and intelligently waiving the right to counsel. Mr. Johnson filed a letter with the Court on July 15, 2020 informing the Court he wished to proceed pro-se in this matter.

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Our office received a letter from the Court dated August 25, 2020 in which the Court references a letter dated August 11, 2020 from Mr. Johnson. We have never received a copy of this letter. Regardless, I want to be sure Mr. Johnson has been granted leave to proceed pro se so our office can close this file if he is now acting pro se. I thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

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cc: William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire
Nathaniel Johnson, Jr., # 211574