

Form 18. Petition For A Writ Of Certiorari  
to the Court of Appeals

The State of South Carolina  
in the Supreme Court

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Appeal From Lexington County  
Court of Common Pleas  
Honorable R. Knox McMahon, Circuit Court Judge

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The State, Respondent

v.

Peter Lynn Coffey, Appellant  
Appellate Case No. 2018-000491

Petition For A Writ of Certiorari

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1. The trial judge erred in refusing to allow appellant to cross-examine the victim's drug dealer about supplying her with crack two days before her body was found, where she had high levels of cocaine in her system and DNA evidence showed that other unknown persons might have committed this murder
2. The trial court lack subject matter jurisdiction over the trial
3. The prosecutor's misconduct deny Appellant the right to a fair trial.
4. The trial court judge err in denying Appellant motion for directed verdict, where evidence merely raised a suspicion of guilt
5. The trial court judge abuse his discretion when allowing autopsy photographs

## Question Presented

Whether the trial judge erred in refusing to allow appellant to cross-examine the victim's drug dealer about supplying her with crack two days before her body was found, where she had high levels of cocaine in her system and DNA evidence showed that other unknown persons might have committed this murder?

Did the trial court lack subject matter jurisdiction over the trial?

Did the prosecutor's misconduct deny Appellant the right to a fair trial?

Did the trial court err in denying Appellant motion for directed verdict where evidence merely raised a suspicion of guilt?

Did the trial court judge abuse his discretion when allowing autopsy photographs?

## Statement of the Case

To the Court of Appeals;  
in the Supreme Court:

On the days of  
March 12-15, 2018, Appellant was on trial  
before the Honorable R. Knox McMahon,  
Circuit Court Judge and jury.

Appellant was  
convicted by a jury for the offenses of  
Murder 2018-GS-32-000943 and First  
degree Criminal sexual conduct 2018-GS-32-944.  
Appellant was committed to the state department  
of corrections for a sentence of life without parole  
and a determine term of thirty years ran  
consecutively. Transcript page 870 8-17.

ON January 14, 2019  
Appellant's defense counsel filed an Anders v. California,  
386 U.S. 738(1967) and moves to be relieved  
as counsel.

Appellant is writing  
this pro se brief addressing any issues to the  
Court that should be considered error of law.

The Court of Appeals affirmed the  
judgement of the circuit court.

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Order to Amend Petition  
for rehearing filed  
Sept. 16, 2020

Appeal Dismissed

### Conclusion

For the reasons stated, Appellant asks the  
Court to grant the Petition for A  
Writ of Certiorari.

Oct. 11, 2020

Sincerely,  
Peter Lynn Coffey

## Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, this Court should reverse appellant's convictions and remand this case for a new trial.

## Certificate of Counsel (pro se)

Counsel certifies that the Petition for Rehearing was made and finally ruled on by the Court of Appeals on September 16, 2020.

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