

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

George Robert Leach, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2020-001579

ORDER

Appellant has served and filed a pro se notice of appeal. In separate correspondence filed with this court, Appellant indicated it was his understanding that Mark McKinnon, of the Sixteenth Circuit Public Defender's Office, would be representing him in this appeal. This court contacted Mr. McKinnon, who explained he represented Appellant in a related matter, but he is not counsel of record in this appeal. After careful consideration, we construe Appellant's correspondence as a request to appoint counsel, and we appoint the Division of Appellate Defense to represent Appellant in this appeal. This appeal shall be held in abeyance for thirty days for the Division of Appellate Defense to correct the outstanding deficiencies.

 CJ
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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