

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Monquez J. Young, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2020-001053

ORDER

In this post-conviction relief (PCR) matter, counsel for petitioner has filed a petition for a writ of certiorari pursuant to *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988), in which she certifies she has briefed an arguable issue of merit and seeks to be relieved as counsel. Based on counsel's request to be relieved, petitioner requests this Court appoint counsel to assist him.

Petitioner is not entitled to the appointment of new counsel in this matter. *See Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. at 310, 364 S.E.2d at 201 (approving the withdrawal of counsel in PCR appeals where counsel alleges the appeal is without merit, provided the procedures outlined in *Anders*¹ are followed, which requires the briefing of one issue of arguable merit, the opportunity for petitioner to submit a *pro se* response, and an examination of the full proceedings by the Court). Therefore, the request is denied.

As explained in the Clerk of Court's April 9, 2021 letter, petitioner may submit a *pro se* response to the petition filed by counsel and raise and argue any issues petitioner believes the Court should consider in this appeal. Further, the time to serve and file any *pro se* response is extended until June 23, 2021.

¹ *Anders v. State of Cal.*, 386 U.S. 738, 744, 87 S. Ct. 1396, 1400, 18 L. Ed. 2d 493 (1967)


FOR THE COURT

C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina
May 12, 2021

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