

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Manuel S. Hernandez, Petitioner,

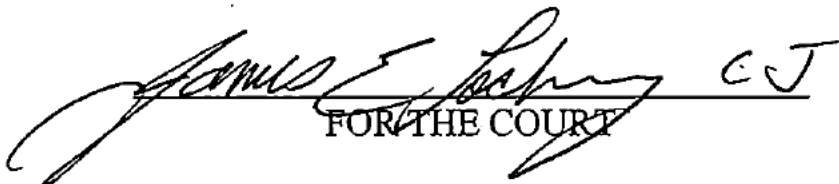
v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2020-001080

ORDER

On April 8, 2021, Petitioner filed a pro se motion for appointment of counsel and a certified interpreter. Petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel is denied, as Petitioner is currently represented by counsel. *See Richardson v. State*, 377 S.C. 103, 106, 659 S.E.2d 493, 495 (2008) ("[A] PCR applicant is not entitled to appointed counsel of choice."). In his response to Petitioner's motion, Petitioner's counsel indicated he has identified an interpreter willing to travel to Kershaw Correctional Institution and meet with Petitioner. Counsel has requested thirty days to arrange the meeting and make a report to this Court. Therefore, Petitioner's request for an interpreter is granted and counsel shall arrange the meeting within thirty days.

 CJ
FOR THE COURT

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