

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Jaquese Kavon Hyatt, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

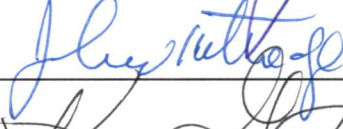
Appellate Case No. 2021-000296

ORDER

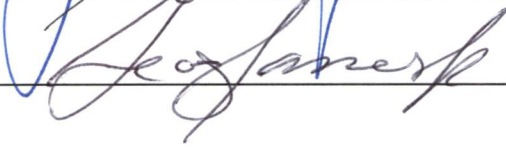
Petitioner has filed a *pro se* document entitled "Affidavit of Facts Giving Judicial Notice; Filing of a Termination Letter; Motion to Act Pro Se; Motion for an Extension of Time to Submit any Required Pleading and Motion Therefor [sic]" in which he asks the Court to establish that William G. Yarborough III is not his attorney. In response, Yarborough has filed a petition to withdraw as counsel.

Petitioner may proceed *pro se* in this matter only after knowingly and intelligently waiving the right to counsel. *See Faretta v. California*, 422 U.S. 806 (1975); *State v. Brewer*, 328 S.C. 117, 492 S.E.2d 97 (1997). We take this opportunity to warn Petitioner that this Court requires *pro se* parties to fully comply with all applicable rules. Petitioner is certain to be unlearned in other aspects of the law as well. Representation by an attorney trained in the law would be highly beneficial, and we strongly encourage Petitioner to request representation by the Division of Appellate Defense.

After considering this information, Petitioner shall, within twenty (20) days of the date of this order, notify this Court whether he wishes to proceed *pro se* or request to be represented by Yarborough or the Division of Appellate Defense. If Petitioner notifies this Court that he wishes to proceed *pro se* despite the dangers and disadvantages of doing so, this Court will then determine if it will allow him to do so. *Cf. State v. Roberts*, 364 S.C. 583, 614 S.E.2d 626 (2005) (holding there is no right to proceed *pro se* on appeal). If Petitioner fails to notify this Court of his choice within twenty (20) days, the Court will consider Yarborough's petition to withdraw.


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Columbia, South Carolina
June 17, 2021

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