

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

The State, Petitioner,

v.

Kenneth Taylor, Respondent.

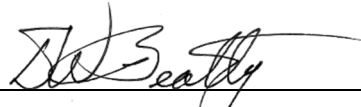
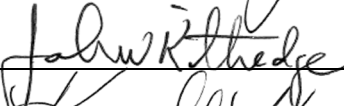
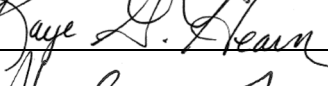
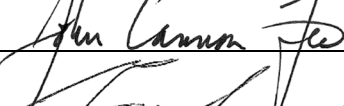

Appellate Case No. 2020-001184

ORDER

By order dated January 25, 2021, this Court granted the State's petition for a writ of certiorari to the court of appeals in this matter. Jason Scott Luck has now filed a motion to be appointed as the guardian ad litem for Respondent, a motion to proceed without costs, and a motion to file a brief out of time. In response to the State's opposition to the motions, Mr. Luck indicates he has no objection to his motion being treated as a request to file an *amicus curiae* brief. The South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (SCACDL) also moves to file an *amicus curiae* brief in this matter.

SCACDL's motion to file an *amicus curiae* brief is granted. Mr. Luck's motion to be appointed as the guardian ad litem for Respondent is denied. The motion to proceed without costs is denied as unnecessary. *See* Rule 240(d), SCACR (providing the filing fee for motions is not required in petitions for writs of certiorari under Rule 242). Mr. Luck's request for his brief to be treated as an *amicus curiae* brief is granted.

This case shall be scheduled for oral argument in September 2021. The parties and SCACDL will be advised of the date and time of oral argument when the roster for that term of Court is prepared. SCACDL shall inform the Court within thirty days of the date of this order whether it wishes to participate in oral argument.

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Columbia, South Carolina
June 18, 2021

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