

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Tina Robin Patton, Appellant,

v.

Linda Doty, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2021-001527

ORDER

Appellant's counsel has moved to be relieved as counsel. In response to this court's order of February 18, 2022, Appellate Defense has advised this court it will not represent Appellant in any further appeal, as she already appealed her magistrate level conviction to the circuit court. Appellant 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 Appellant that this court requires pro se parties to fully comply with all applicable rules. Appellant 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 Appellant to continue with representation.

After considering this information, Appellant shall, within thirty days of the date of this order, notify this court whether she wishes to proceed pro se. If Appellant notifies this court that she wishes to proceed pro se despite the dangers and disadvantages of doing so, this court will then determine if it will allow her to do so. *Cf. State v. Roberts*, 364 S.C. 583, 614 S.E.2d 626 (2005) (no right to proceed pro se on appeal). If Appellant fails to notify this court within thirty days, counsel will continue to provide representation in this matter.



FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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