

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

Theodore Jerry Bolick, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2020-001497

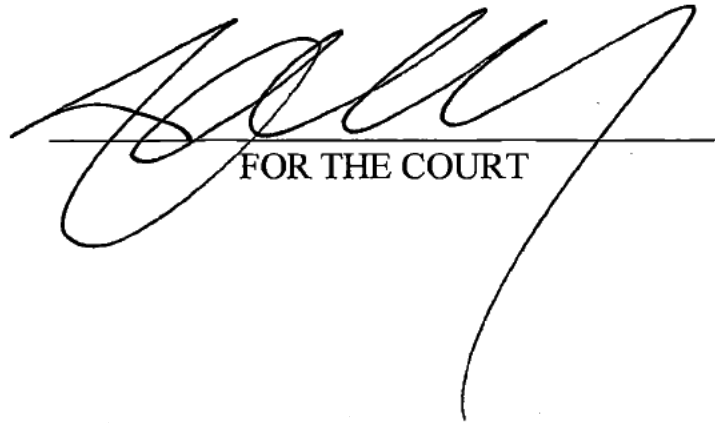
ORDER

First, counsel for Appellant's motion to hold this appeal in abeyance pending receipt of the transcript of a hearing is moot because the transcripts have been received.

Second, this court construes Appellant Theodore Jerry Bolick's motion and "notice of conflict" as a request to have Attorney Taylor Davis Gilliam relieved as counsel for Appellant. If Attorney Gilliam is relieved as counsel, Appellant would be proceeding pro se in this matter. 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 by the Division of Appellate Defense.

After considering this information, Appellant shall, within twenty days of the date of this order, notify this Court whether he wishes to proceed pro se or continue to be represented by the Division of Appellate Defense. If Appellant 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) (no right to proceed pro se on appeal). If Appellant fails to notify this Court within twenty days, the Division of Appellate Defense will continue to provide representation in this

matter.



FOR THE COURT

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