

In the Supreme Court of Ohio

STATE OF OHIO,

Appellee

-vs-

WILLIE G. WILKS, JR.,

Appellant

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COMES NOW THE APPELLANT, WILLIE G. WILKS, JR., through the undersigned counsel, and moves this Honorable Court for an expedited ruling on Appellant's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel which was filed on June 30, 2015 and Motion for Appointment of Counsel filed the same date. Appellant seeks an expedited ruling because, as the record now stands, Appellant's brief would be due on July 23, 2015. However, as set forth in Appellant's June 30, 2015 Motion, appointed appellate counsel was informed of a conflict which Appellant has declined to waive. Appellant has executed an affidavit indicating that he wishes to have new appellate counsel.

A ruling addressing the Motion to Withdraw is critical given the July 23, 2015 deadline for filing the brief. The Appellant should not be denied a full opportunity to

brief and argue the merits of his direct appeal, with counsel free from any conflict assisting in that process. The undersigned request that they be granted leave to withdraw, that new appellate counsel be appointed, and that new appellate counsel be granted ample opportunity to file a merit brief. Appellant respectfully requests the Court expedite ruling upon Appellant's Motion filed June 30, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was sent by regular U.S. mail on the 17th day of July, 2015 to: Mr. Ralph M. Rivera, Esq., 21 West Boardman Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503.



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