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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals**

James A. Wilson, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2018-001432

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Appeal From Horry County  
Steven H. John, Circuit Court Judge  
Larry B. Hyman, Jr., Post-Conviction Relief Judge

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**APPEAL DISMISSED**

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Appellate Defender Taylor Davis Gilliam, of Columbia,  
for Petitioner.

Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Scott Matthews, of  
Columbia, for Respondent.

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**PER CURIAM:** Petitioner seeks a writ of certiorari from the denial of his  
application for post-conviction relief (PCR).

Because the circumstances of this case support the PCR court's finding that Petitioner did not knowingly and intelligently waive his right to a direct appeal, we grant certiorari on Petitioner's Question One and proceed with a review of the direct appeal issue pursuant to *Davis v. State*, 288 S.C. 396, 660 S.E.2d 512 (2008).

On direct appeal, Petitioner argues the trial court erred in denying his motion for a directed verdict on the murder charge against him. After review pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and consideration of Petitioner's pro se responses, we dismiss Petitioner's direct appeal and grant counsel's motion to be relieved.

**APPEAL DISMISSED.**<sup>1</sup>

**LOCKEMY, C.J., and KONDUROS and MCDONALD, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.