IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

RICHARD ABDIEL SILVA,

Appellant,

VS.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

No. 81627

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW AND REMANDING TO APPOINT APPELLATE COUNSEL

Appellant's appointed counsel, Thomas L. Qualls, has filed a motion to withdraw as counsel for appellant. In support of the motion, Mr. Qualls states he has accepted employment with the State of Nevada and is shutting down his private practice.

Cause appearing, the motion is granted. NRAP 46(d)(3); SCR 46. The clerk shall remove Mr. Qualls as counsel of record for appellant. This appeal is remanded to the district court for the limited purpose of securing counsel for appellant. See Evitts v. Lucey, 469 U.S. 387 (1985). The district court shall have 30 days from the date of this order to appoint new counsel for appellant. Within five (5) days of the appointment of counsel, the district court shall transmit to the clerk of this court a copy of the district court's written or minute order appointing counsel. Briefing of this appeal is suspended pending further order of this court.

It is so ORDERED.1

/ Sardesty, C.J.

¹Given this order, this court takes no action on the pending motion for an extension of time to file the opening brief.

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cc: Hon. David A. Hardy, District Judge Richard Abdiel Silva. Law Office of Thomas L. Qualls, Ltd. Attorney General/Carson City Washoe County District Attorney Washoe District Court Clerk