Supreme Court

No. 94-745-C.A.

No. 96-155-C.A.

No. 96-570-C.A.

No. 97-497-C.A.

State of Rhode Island :

v. :

Keith Werner :

ORDER

Defendant Keith Werner moves for reconsideration of this Court's November 20, 2000 Order in these appeals permitting Attorney Christopher Gontarz to withdraw as his appellate counsel and directing that he (Werner) proceed on appeal <u>pro se</u>. For various reasons presented in the motion, Mr. Werner suggests that this Court should amend its prior Order and appoint counsel to represent him. The motion for reconsideration is accompanied by Mr. Werner's supporting affidavit, a portion of which he has moved to seal.

We observe in regard to the motion for reconsideration that while our November 20, 2000 Order directed that Mr. Werner proceed in these matters <u>pro se</u>, the Order further provided that Attorney Susan Iannitelli is appointed as his standby counsel. As such counsel, Ms. Iannitelli is authorized to provide to Mr. Werner whatever legal assistance he may choose to request of her in these appeals. To the extent that Mr. Werner desires the assistance of counsel, counsel is available to him.

Accordingly, defendant's motion for reconsideration, and his motion to seal the affidavit in support thereof, are denied.

Justice Goldberg did not participate.

Entered as an Order of this Court this 18th day of January, 2001.

By Order,

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Brian B. Burns Clerk, Pro Tempore