

Abatement Order filed June 30, 2020



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

**NO. 14-20-00017-CR
NO. 14-20-00018-CR
NO. 14-20-00019-CR
NO. 14-20-00020-CR
NO. 14-20-00021-CR**

BUFORD LLOYD CROWELL, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 182nd District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause Nos. 1633371, 1633372, 1633373, 1633374, and 1614719**

ABATEMENT ORDER

The trial court appointed Inger Hampton Chandler to represent appellant on appeal. On May 21, 2020, attorney **Stanley G. Schneider** filed a motion to substitute as counsel. The motion states appellant “feel[s] that it is in his best interest to have [Schneider] represent him in this case.” The motion does not indicate whether

Schneider has been retained by appellant or would need to be appointed by the trial court.

An appointed attorney shall represent the defendant until

. . . charges are dismissed, the defendant is acquitted, appeals are exhausted, or the attorney is permitted or ordered by the court to withdraw as counsel for the defendant after a finding of good cause is entered on the record.

Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Ann. art. 26.04(j)(2).

Accordingly, we **ABATE** this appeal and order as follows:

1. The judge of the 182nd District Court shall consider Schneider's request to substitute and shall determine whether appellant wishes to be represented by Schneider as retained counsel or whether appellant wishes and is entitled to appointed counsel.
2. The judge shall see that a record of any hearing is made, and shall order the trial clerk to forward a record of the hearing and a supplemental clerk's record containing any orders regarding Schneider's request to substitute. The records shall be filed with this court by **July 30, 2020**.
3. We will hold Schneider's motion to substitute pending receipt of the requested records.

These appeals are abated, treated as closed cases, and removed from this court's active docket. The appeals will be reinstated on this court's active docket after the requested records are filed in this court.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Justices Christopher, Jewell, and Hassan.