

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

JOHN DRUMMOND,	:	Case No. 4:07-CV-1776
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Petitioner,	:	
	:	JUDGE SARA LIOI
vs.	:	
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MARC HOUK, Warden,	:	<u>ORDER</u>
	:	
Respondent.		

This matter comes before the Court upon Petitioner, John Drummond's (hereinafter "Petitioner" or "Drummond"), Motion to Withdraw as Counsel, (ECF No. 13). After initially denying the Motion, the Court reconsidered its decision and issued an Order providing the Petitioner fourteen days in which to consider whether he wished for current counsel to continue to represent him in this matter or if he wished to obtain new, court-appointed counsel, (ECF No. 19).

Drummond responded that he wished to retain one of his current counsel but obtain one new, court-appointed counsel, (ECF No. 25, 26). Current counsel thereafter filed an Amended Motion to Withdraw as Counsel, explaining that, pursuant to the policy of the Office of the Ohio Public Defender, both counsel must be removed from the case, (ECF No. 27). Accordingly, the Court grants the Motion to Withdraw as Counsel and appoints Timothy C. Ivey of the Office of the Federal Public Defender and David L. Doughten to represent the Petitioner.

To ensure that this matter continues to progress, the Court sets a telephone status conference for November 19, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. The Office of the Federal Public Defender shall initiate the call to the Court after all counsel are on line. Counsel may contact the Court at (330) 252-6060.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 16, 2007

s/ Sara Lioi
HONORABLE SARA LIOI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE