

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS  
NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION  
JOSEPHINE LINKER HART, JUDGE

DIVISION III

CA07-177

ROBERT C. GAMBLE, III

October 10, 2007

APPELLANT

V.

APPEAL FROM THE HEMPSTEAD  
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT  
[NO. CV-03-243-1]

ALLAN RAY

APPELLEE

HON. KEITH NEWTON WOOD,  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

REBRIEFING ORDERED

JOSEPHINE LINKER HART, Judge

Appellant Robert C. Gamble, III, has attempted to appeal from the dismissal of his civil case in Hempstead County. His brief, however, does not include the actual order of dismissal or the pleadings in the addendum as required by Rule 4-2(a)(8) of the Rules of the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. We therefore order that this deficiency be corrected before we consider Mr. Gamble's appeal on the merits. Under our rules and case law, we will not reach the merits of an issue when a document that is necessary for an understanding of the issue is not present in an appellant's brief. *Boatmen's Trust Co. of Ark. v. Housing Authority of City of North Little Rock*, 346 Ark. 192, 57 S.W.3d 132 (2001).

While we are mindful that Mr. Gamble is attempting to represent himself in this matter, it is well-settled law that a pro se defendant must abide by the same rules and standards as a licensed attorney. *Hooker v. Farm Plan Corp.*, 331 Ark. 418, 962 S.W.2d 353 (1998). In accordance with Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Rule 4-2, we give Mr. Gamble fifteen days to rebrief this case and submit a conforming addendum.

Rebriefing ordered.

GRIFFEN and MARSHALL, JJ., agree.

