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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Edgefield County

R. Knox McMahon, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

STEVEN LOUIS BARNES,

APPELLANT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE BRIEF OF PETITIONER

Counsel for Steven Louis Barnes petitions the Court for a **final thirty day extension, until July 9, 2012**, in which to file the brief of petitioner in this case. In support of this petition, counsel shows:

1. The brief of petitioner is due to be filed with the Court today. This is the third extension for Mr. Barnes.
2. Counsel for Mr. Barnes respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.
3. Counsel was called to testify in two PCR cases on June 7, 2012 in Greenwood, South Carolina. Counsel had two oral arguments this week: On June 4, 2012, counsel argued State v. Ronnie Blackmon in the Court of Appeals. On June 6, 2012, counsel argued State v. John B. Campbell in the Court of Appeals. Counsel filed the petitions for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in State v. Norman Lee Mitchell and State v. Robert Phipps on June 1, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Andre King v. State on May

23, 2012. Counsel was called to testify PCR Court in Orangeburg County on Monday, May 21, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Steven Collins v. State on May 17, 2012. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in Willis Weary v. State on May 14, 2012. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. Quentin Gause on May 11, 2012. Counsel had an oral argument, on May 8, 2012. 4. Counsel has not had time to complete the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. As a result, counsel respectfully asks this Court for a thirty day extension, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. Counsel is striving to limit the number of extensions requested. Counsel is attempting to complete the cases with the most number of extensions first.

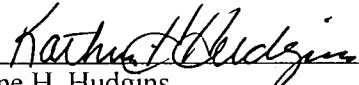
4. Counsel has not had time to complete the brief of petitioner in this case. As a result, counsel respectfully asks this Court for a **final thirty day extension, until July 7, 2012**, in which to file the brief of petitioner. Counsel is striving to limit the number of extensions requested. Counsel is attempting to complete the cases with the most number of extensions first.

5. As indicated by signature below, David Spencer, of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, does not oppose this request.

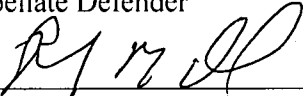
6. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

Counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until July 7, 2012**, in which to file the brief of petitioner in this case based upon the above circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,




Kathrine H. Hudgins
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

June 8, 2012

I do not oppose:



David Spencer