

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

S.C. SUPREME COURT

George M. McFadden, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2022-000710
Lower Court Docket No. 2019-CP-40-0775

Geordi Jerrell Heyward, #374238,

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

EXTENSION REQUEST
FOR
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AND
APPENDIX

NOW COMES the Petitioner in the above captioned Post-Conviction Relief matter, acting by and through his undersigned counsel, requesting an additional extension of time in which to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the above captioned PCR appeal. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix thereto, were due yesterday, October 10, 2022. despite having completed two rounds of very strong antibiotics, I am still very sick with a sinus infection, an ear infection and now a sore throat. Undersigned Counsel has tried hard to complete the Certiorari petition and appendix for this PCR appeal, but has not been well enough to do so. I did go to the office yesterday to try and complete her filings for this stage of this PCR appeal. While I was able to make some progress, I quickly got so ill that I had to quit. I literally fell asleep on the sofa at my office and when I woke, I sent a letter in by email explaining my situation. I am hoping to see

my internist tomorrow.

I have been sick for nearly two months. I had improved somewhat, but relapsed since I returned from Tutwiler, Mississippi, where I had gone to visit with four South Carolina inmates who were housed in SCDC institutions at the time she was hired. My health issues appear to have been exacerbated by the weather conditions accompanying hurricane Ian as its remnants passed through the midlands, not to mention getting chilled and soaked to the bone making emergency preparations for my Mom and for myself as well. I just finished a second round of antibiotics, but they are simply not helping whatever this illness. I am trying to get squeezed in for an appointment with my internist in hopes he can prescribe something to help me get well soon.

Counsel served the letter filed last evening upon opposing counsel, Megan H. Jameson, the attorney currently assigned to this matter for the Office of the Attorney General. Counsel will serve a copy of this petition for a little more time to complete the Certiorari Petition and Appendix. Counsel plans to also attach for filing a new formal COS addressing both last night's correspondence and this petition.

I am aware that the order my last extension request stated that it would be the last granted. Unfortunately, I was simply too sick to complete these documents for filing. Although this is hopefully nothing serious, it has left me totally depleted and in persistent pain from the sinus infection, the ear infection and an awful sore throat. I can't give Applicant's PCR the attention it deserves while feeling this badly. I did not get in touch with Attorney Jameson concerning this matter. I would ask that she advise the Court of her position on this request directly. I am nearly finished with the Certiorari Petition and Appendix for this PCR appeal, however, due to other immediately upcoming obligations on my calendar, I have requested *twenty (20) additional days* in which to serve and file these documents. I would very much appreciate this consideration.

Respectfully submitted

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