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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to Fairfield County
Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, PCR Judge

DONALD STEVENSON, JR.,

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2021-001518

MOTION FOR SECOND EXTENSION TO FILE
RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Counsel for Respondent respectfully requests a second thirty-day extension to file the Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari. In support, Counsel respectfully submits:

1. The brief of Respondent is due to be served and filed on Wednesday, November 23, 2022.
2. Respondent has previously requested one extension.
3. Respondent is requesting a second thirty-day extension.
4. Counsel for Respondent attended court in Sumter County on November 1, 2022, and handled two PCR matters at that time, including a matter where the Applicant went to trial and was sentenced to life imprisonment.
5. Counsel for Respondent filed a brief in the South Carolina Supreme Court in Lewis v. State, 2020-000998, on November 7, 2022.

6. Counsel for Respondent had a PCR term of Court scheduled in the 5th Circuit for the week of November 14-18, 2022. During this term Counsel handled four PCR matters involving Marie Assa'ad Faltas. Counsel spent a substantial amount of time preparing for these hearings.

7. On November 21, 2022, Counsel for Respondent filed a return to a motion for bail in the South Carolina Supreme Court in Wingate v. State, 2021-001329.

8. In addition to the foregoing, Counsel has handled routine matters over the past month such as drafting and filing returns and other pleadings, scheduling the 12th Circuit Roster, and communicating with opposing counsel about hearings in the 12th Judicial Circuit.

9. This motion is made in good faith and not for the purposes of delay.

WHEREFORE Counsel respectfully requests a thirty-day extension for filing Respondent's Brief in this matter. Counsel further respectfully requests the time limits for filing the Brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

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