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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Cherokee County
The Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

DIANTE JERMAINE WILLIS,

APPELLANT.

Appellate Case No. 2021-001466

**MOTION FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a third thirty (30) day extension in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Counsel for Appellant has graciously consented to extension requests through December 31, 2022. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following good cause:

Respondent's Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter is due to be filed on Friday, December 23, 2022. The undersigned attorney has had a number of state, and federal matters to attend to since November 18, 2022. Specifically:

1. Counsel prepared the Reply Brief in the Charleston County direct appeal matter of The State vs. Montrelle Lamont Campbell, Appellate Case No. 2022-000349 on November 21, 2022;

2. Counsel filed the Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment in the matter of Susan Diane Hendricks vs. Warden of Graham (Camile Griffin) Correctional Institution, C/A No. 2:22-cv-2391-TMC-MGB on December 7, 2022;

3. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the matter of Clinton Folkes vs. Warden Nelson, Case No. 22-5545, a Richland County Federal Habeas matter now pending in the United States Supreme Court on Monday, December 12, 2022;

4. Counsel filed the Respondent's Reply to Petitioner's Objections to Report and Recommendation [ECF #42] in the matter of Brent McLaurin, Jr. vs. Warden McCormick Correctional Institution, C/A No. 6:21-03936-JFA on December 14, 2022;

5. Counsel was out of the office on Monday, December 19th, and the Office of the Attorney General will be closed on Friday, December 23, 2022, Monday, December 26th, and Tuesday, December 27, 2022; and

6. Counsel is also currently preparing the Initial Brief of Respondent in the matter of The State vs. Jonathan R. Rackley, Appellate Case No. 2021-001141, a Pickens County direct appeal matter now pending before the South Carolina Court of Appeals; and

7. Counsel has been involved in working **on other matters in state and federal court.**

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, counsel respectfully requests a third thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter. This request is made in good faith, and not for the purposes of delay. This extension will make Respondent's Initial Brief due on January 23, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

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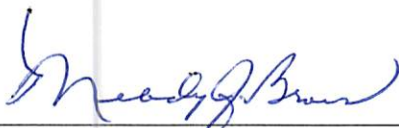
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I support the finding of good cause.



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, **Donna D'Alessio**, an employee of the Respondent and legal assistant to W. Joseph Maye, of counsel for the Respondent, hereby certify that as per the March 20, 2020 Order of the Chief Justice, the Third Extension of Time to File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Robert M. Dudek, Esq., via email today, December 21, 2022 to RDudek@sccid.sc.gov and to his assistant kwarren@sccid.sc.gov.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 21st day of December, 2022.

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Dear Mr. Dudek:

Attached is a scanned copy of the Respondent's Motion for a Third Extension of Time to File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter regarding the above case. The Third extension motion is being submitted to the South Carolina Court of Appeals through e-filing, along with a copy of this email.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.

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