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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(via e-filing only - supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: Deven Michael Ford AKA Devon Michael Ford v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2022-001341

Dear Ms. Howard:

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this first extension request.

Sincerely,

Deborah R.J. Shupe
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
S.C. Bar Number 5098

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cc: Dayne C. Phillips, Counsel for Petitioner (*via electronic mail*)