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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

**Re: The State v. Ernest Condre Bethel
Case No.: 2023-000669**

Dear Clerk of Court:

A deadline to order transcripts is currently set for May 25, 2023.

I have provided an affidavit of indigency to the Appellant in order for the Office of Indigent Defense to be appointed to this appeal. As of the date of this letter, I have not received the affidavit back from the South Carolina Department of Corrections. I am currently trying to determine the status of Appellant's affidavit of indigency. Because of this, I am respectfully requesting a 30 day extension of this deadline. I have consulted with Melody J. Brown, Esq. of the Attorney General's Office regarding this request and she does not object to an extension.

With warm regards, I am

s/Justin Kata