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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Colleton County

Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

RICKY D. EDWARDS, JR.

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2022-000892

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Ricky Devon Edwards respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from July 21, 2023 until August 21, 2023, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel is filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the three-issue murder case of The State v. Larry Ja Juan Scipio with this Court today, July 21, 2023.

Counsel filed the Petition for Stay of Execution in The State v. Timothy Ray Jones with the Supreme Court yesterday, on July 20, 2023. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in The State v. Pedro Cervantes Rodriguez with this Court on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Counsel, with co-counsel Lara M. Caudy, filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Tammy Caison Moorer with this Court on July 19, 2023. Counsel, with co-counsel David Alexander, filed the Petition for Rehearing in the death penalty case of Andres Antonio Torres v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 11, 2023. Counsel was a trainer on error preservation and a co-group session leader at the Public Defense 103 Seminar in Greenville, South Carolina from July 5-7, 2023. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the murder case of The State v. Quinterious R. Truesdale with this Court on June 30, 2023. Counsel also filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the murder case of The State v. Gabriel Dantray Curry with this Court on June 30, 2023. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the murder case of The State v. Earl Gene Johnson, Jr. with the Court of Appeals on June 1, 2023. **Counsel also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender.**

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. On June 30, 2023, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through July 31, 2023.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from July 21, 2023 until August 21, 2023. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 21st day of July, 2023.

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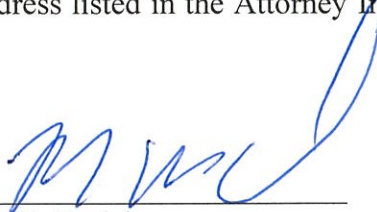
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 21st day of July, 2023.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

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Good Morning,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the Third Motion for Extension which will be filed today, July 21, 2023, via OneDrive.

Respectfully,
Kaylynn

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