

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Appeal from Newberry County  
The Honorable Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge **S.C. SUPREME COURT**

Case Numbers: 2000-CP-36-0051  
Appellate Case Number: 2011-204368

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STEPHEN ANDREW BECKHAM, 236548,

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

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**Petition for Extension of Time to File Reply to  
The State's Return to Petition for Writ of *Certiorari***

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The petitioner, Stephen Beckham, petitions this Court for an order extending the time to file a reply to the State's return to his petition for writ of *certiorari*. This request is based on the following grounds:

1) Mr. Beckham, who is serving life imprisonment, is appealing the lower court's denial of his application for post-post conviction relief. The order denying relief followed a three-day evidentiary hearing, post-hearing *de benne esse* depositions of three additional witnesses, and an extensive post-hearing briefing process.

2) On January 10, 2013, Mr. Beckham filed a forty-seven page petition for writ of *certiorari*. On June 27, 2013, the State filed a fifty-two page return to petition for writ of *certiorari*. By orders dated January 15, 2013 and July 12, 2013,

this Court granted the parties motions to exceed the page limit set forth in Rule 243(e), SCACR.

3) Because of the extensive record below, the complexity of the issues involved, and the length of the parties' prior pleadings, Mr. Beckham believes good cause exists, pursuant this Court's Order 2009-03-18-01, to extend the time to file his reply brief. This request is Mr. Beckham's second request for an extension.

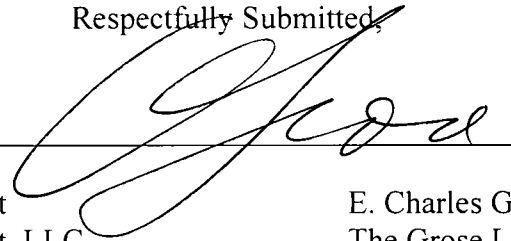
4) Counsel for Mr. Beckham has conferred with counsel for the state, Salley W. Elliott, and the State consents to Mr. Beckham's request for an extension.

For the forgoing reasons, Mr. Beckham respectfully requests this Court issue an order extending the time to file a reply to the State's return to his petition for writ of *certiorari*.

IT IS SO MOVED.

Respectfully Submitted,

By



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**Certificate of Service**

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I certify that I have served the **Petition for Extension of Time to File Reply to the State's Return to Petition for Writ of *Certiorari*** on the State of South Carolina by placing a copy in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on the date reflected below, addressed as follows:

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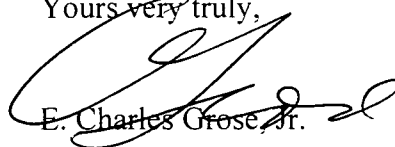
Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and six copies of Mr. Beckham's Petition for Extension of Time to File Reply to the State's Return to Petition for Writ of *Certiorari*. By copy of this letter to Ms. Elliott, I am serving the State of South Carolina.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

  
E. Charles Grose, Jr.

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