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December 18, 2023

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
1015 Sumter Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Raphael Pontoo v. State – Appellate Case No. 2021-001217

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Brief of Respondent in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed on December 18, 2023. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file this brief. This is the **third** extension request in this case, it is being sought based on good cause, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that the filing deadlines be held in abeyance while this request is pending.

By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for the Petitioner of this extension request.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Farthing  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
S.C. Bar Number 76901

I have reviewed and approve this extension request:

/s/ Donald J. Zelenka

Donald J. Zelenka  
Deputy Attorney General

MRF/cc

cc: Sarah Elizabeth Shipe, Esquire (via email service)  
Victim Advocacy Division

## Caroline Collins

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**From:** Caroline Collins  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2023 2:47 PM  
**To:** Shipe, Sarah  
**Cc:** Mcinnis, Sara; Mark Farthing  
**Subject:** Raphael Pontoo v. State of South Carolina (2021-001217)  
**Attachments:** Pontoo.Third Extension Request (BOR) (03461922xD2C78).PDF

Good Afternoon Ms. Shipe,

Attached please find a request for a third extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief of Respondent in Raphael Pontoo v. State of South Carolina (2021-001217). This request will be submitted to the South Carolina Court of Appeals via the AIS OneDrive System.

If you will, please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

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