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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

December 27, 2023

Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
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Re: Mitchell Rivers v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No. 2023-001757  
Roger E. Henderson, Circuit Court Judge  
Opinion No. 2023-UP-261 (S.C. Ct. App. filed July 12, 2023)

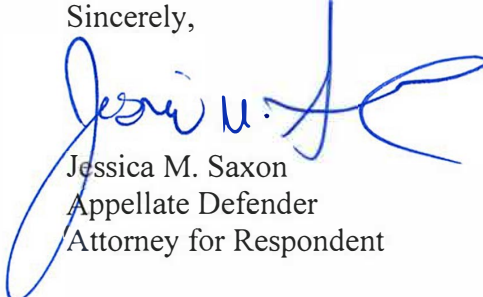
Dear Ms. Howard:

The return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced case is due to be served and filed today. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a five-day extension of this deadline. One prior 10-day extension has been granted in this case.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Johnny Ellis James, Jr., Esquire, of the Office of the Attorney General, of this extension request.

Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jessica M. Saxon  
Appellate Defender  
Attorney for Respondent

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cc: Johnny Ellis James, Jr., Esquire