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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

S.C. SUPREME COURT

IN THE SUPREME COURT

On Writ of Certiorari from Greenwood County
Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Post-Conviction Relief Judge
Honorable D. Garrison Hill, Trial Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2023-001933

JAMES L. CARRIER,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR FIRST EXTENSION WITHIN WHICH TO SERVE AND FILE
RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI AND FOR LEAVE TO FILE
EXTENSION REQUEST OUT-OF-TIME**

Respondent, through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto this Court as follows:

I.

The Return To The Petition For Writ Of Certiorari was due to be served and filed on January 22, 2024. Due to an oversight, an extension was not requested and the return was not filed. The undersigned asks this Court to accept the motion out of time.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extensions in Cases Seeking a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to Review a Decision of the South Carolina Court of Appeals: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated July 16, 2014, the Respondent moves for a first extension in the above referenced appeal. Due to work required in other cases pending before this Court and the South Carolina Court of

Appeals, I am unable to complete this return on time. I would therefore request an extension of time within which to serve and file the Return To Petition For Writ Of Certiorari.

III.

This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather to ensure the return is properly researched and prepared. I would therefore request a first extension of time within which to serve and file the Return To Petition For Writ Of Certiorari.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court hold this matter in abeyance until ruling on this motion, and extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Return To Petition For Writ Of Certiorari in this case for twenty (20) days from the date such relief is granted; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

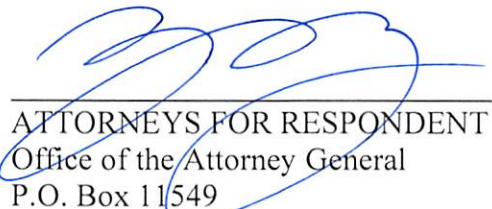
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