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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County

Honorable Daniel Coble, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ANTONIO LAVAR BETHEL,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-001415

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

Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension, 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 filed the initial brief of respondent and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jonathan C. Dawkins with the Court of Appeals on April 3, 2024. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Heather Lawson v. State

with the Supreme Court on March 28, 2024. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Sean Devon James with the Court of Appeals on March 21, 2024. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Antonio L. Williams with the Court of Appeals on March 6, 2024. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Bradley Walker with the Court of Appeals on March 4, 2024. Counsel represented petitioner in a PCR reconstruction hearing in the case of Jacoby Fields v. State via WebEx hearing on February 26, 2024. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Nathaniel Hampleton v. State with the Supreme Court on February 22, 2024. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Frederick Jones v. State with the Supreme Court on February 12, 2024. Counsel represented petitioner in a PCR reconstruction hearing in the case of Jacoby Fields v. State via WebEx hearing on February 6, 2024. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Antone B. Ellis Tremayne Blakely with the Court of Appeals on February 5, 2024.

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.

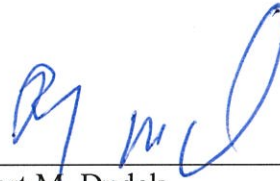
4. On March 29, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 30, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for serving and filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Breen R. Stevens
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 22nd day of April, 2024.

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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 Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 22nd day of April, 2024.



Breen R. Stevens
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Dear Mr. Farthing,

Attached please find a copy of the third extension in the above referenced case that is being filed today with the Court of Appeals.

-Scott Leverett
Admin. Asst. for Breen Stevens
Appellate Defense