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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Beaufort County
Honorable Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2023-000371

THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

TERRIO JACQUARD THOMAS,

Appellant.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH
TO SERVE AND FILE INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on April 22, 2024.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **fourth** extension in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. In the past few weeks, the undersigned counsel has submitted a response to a pro se filing at the request of the

Court of Appeals in State v. Bryan Murray; has filed an Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the Court of Appeals in State v. Joquell Wayne Myers; has filed a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Supreme Court in John Upson v. State; has submitted a response to a pro se filing at the request of the Supreme Court in Charles W. McCormick; has filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the Supreme Court in Erick E. Wells v. State; and has filed the Brief of Respondent in the Court of Appeals in Raphael Lamarr Pontoo v. State. Along with that, the undersigned counsel has attended to other responsibilities—including supervisory and administrative ones—in the office and has prepared for and presented at an event at the University of South Carolina School of Law for current law students.

III.

The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The Brief in the above-referenced case involves an important issue related to the jury selection process. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload, other significant challenges that have resulted from substantial staffing issues that continue to be experienced by the undersigned counsel's office, and other unexpected issues that arose requiring the undersigned counsel's attention. Accordingly, in order to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on

Respondent's motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

By: 

Donald J. Zelenka
Deputy Attorney General

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Caroline Collins, certify I have served the within Motion for the Fourth Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellant by sending an electronic copy via email to the addresses listed in AIS for the following individuals:

Sarah Elizabeth Shipe, Esquire
S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense
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I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.
This 22nd day of April, 2024.



CAROLINE COLLINS
Administrative Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General