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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Horry County
The Honorable H. Steven DeBerry, IV, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2023-000868

THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

DRISCOLL RIGGINS, JR.,

Appellant.

**MOTION FOR THIRD 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 May 13, 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 **third** extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. On May 7, 2024, the undersigned counsel prepared for and participated in an Oral Argument in the South Carolina Court of

Appeals in The State v. Jonathan Olin Batchelor (2022-000160). Likewise, in the past few weeks, the undersigned counsel has filed a Final Brief of Respondent in the Court of Appeals in The State v. Victoria Coxe Threatt (2023-000467); an Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in The State v. Joseph Eugene Edmond (2023-000799); an Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in The State v. Marcus Alexander Wigfall (2023-000236); and has filed a Final Brief of Respondent in the Court of Appeals in The State v. Raheem Oquendal Grant (2023-000418).

III.

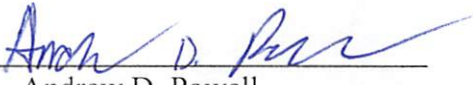
The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by good cause and is not intended for purposes of delay. The Brief in the above-referenced case has required significant research because the case involves three important issues. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief 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. 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,

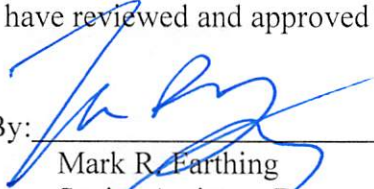
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Andrew D. Powell
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

By: 

Mark R. Earthing
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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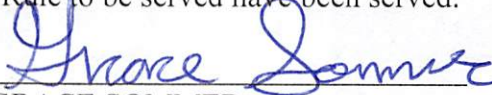
Appellant.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Grace Sommer, certify I have served the within Motion for Third 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 address listed in AIS for the following individual:

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I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.
This 13th day of May, 2024.


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