

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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CERTIORARI TO LAURENS COUNTY  
Honorable Donald B. Hocker, Trial Judge  
Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Post-Conviction Relief Judge

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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

Appellate Case No. 2024-000807

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ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

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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**

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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 October 14, 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.

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