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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Certiorari to Lexington County

W. Greg Seigler, Circuit Court Judge

NAZARETH NICOLE SANCHEZ-PERALTA,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-001588

PETITION TO EXCEED FIFTY
PAGE LIMIT FOR AN INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request an order allowing him to file an initial brief of appellant in this case in excess of the fifty page limit imposed by Rule 208(b)(5), SCACR. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court:

1. The initial brief of appellant in this case is due on January 3, 2025. There are three separate hearings, including a transfer hearing in Family Court (approximate 1000 pages) and a trial in General Sessions (approximately 1200 pages) and a Sentencing hearing under Aiken v. Byers (approximately 400 pages). Each portion of the case has issues have been briefed.

2. Counsel does not think that justice to the highly extensive procedural history of this murder conviction can be done in the fifty pages authorized by Rule 208(b)(5), SCACR.

3. Consequently, counsel respectfully moves that this Court allow him to file appellant's initial brief in excess of fifty pages. Counsel has made every effort for brevity and the current brief has been condensed but runs to 56 pages.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel would respectfully request an order from this Court granting him the right to exceed the fifty page limit of Rule 208(b)(5), SCACR. Counsel would also request that the order grant him the right to file an initial brief that exceeds fifty pages but does not exceed sixty pages.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary H. Johnson".

Gary H. Johnson
Appellate Defender

Attorney for Petitioner

January 3, 2025