

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

In The Eleventh Judicial Circuit

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Ronald Douglas Michaux, Jr.,) Appellate Case No. 2024-000960

Petitioner,)

) Declaration of ~~Ronald~~

v.)

) Douglas Michaux, Jr. In

State of South Carolina,)

) Support of Motion for

Respondent)

) Extension of Time

RONALD DOUGLAS MICHAUX, JR. States:

1. I am the Petitioner in the above-entitled case. I submit this declaration in support of my motion for extension of time.
2. I am a prisoner currently incarcerated at Lee Correctional Institution (Lee C.I.) and housed within the F-5 Unit on Lee C.I.'s West Yard.
3. Lee C.I. has 2 Yards. An East Yard and a West Yard.
4. The East Yard houses Medium Custody prisoners.

5. The West Yard houses Closed Custody prisoners.
6. The units on the East Yard are: F-2; F-4; and F-6.
7. The units on the West Yard are: F-1; F-3; and F-5.
8. All Closed Custody units on the West Yard are ^{24/7} restrictive housing units (lockdown dorms) within ~~the~~ Lee C.I.'s general population.
9. I am assigned and housed within the F-5 unit on Lee C.I.'s West Yard.
10. The F-5 Unit is an high-alpha dorm that houses some of the most dangerous prisoners within the South Carolina Department of Corrections ("SCDC").
11. On 11-19-24, this Court issued me a letter informing me that I had 45 days from that date to submit a pro se Johnson petition.
12. However, I did not receive this letter until early December 2024.
13. Also, the West Yard is on total lockdown, and has been on total lockdown since August 2024.
14. I have not been allowed any access to the law library due to this excessive prolonged lockdown status.

15. I need physical access to the law library because it has a satellite law computer, photocopying machine, artificial lighting, and a desk, table, and chair for me to sit and write on.
16. Lee C.I. only has one law clerk and prison guards and staff members won't allow him access to come see me within the F-5 unit.
17. I don't know how long this excessive prolonged lockdown status is intended to last.
18. Lee C.I. prison guards and administrative officials don't honor court deadlines.
19. I am unlearned in the law.
20. This 45 day extension will determine if I will be able to access the law library to review my case and all current relevant case law.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Bishopville, South Carolina

Respectfully,

Dated: December 23, 2024

