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January 13, 2025

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Honorable Patricia A. Howard

Clerk of Court

P.O. Box 11330

Columbia, S.C. 29211

Re: Ronald D. Michaux, Jr. v. State of South Carolina

Appellate Case No. 2024-000960

Dear Ms. Howard,

I am resubmitting this Motion for Extension of Time and is also inquiring as to whether you received the original copy that I mailed to this office. Since I mailed the original copy, I have not received a response from this Court. I want to remind this Court that Lee C.I.'s West Yard is on complete lockdown status with ONLY occasional medical/dental appointments and court appearances. Also, there is NO

efficient mailing system here at Lee C.I. There is a rollaround U.S. Mailbox within the F-5 Unit but the Mailrooms Director - Ms. Eastbridge - won't come to the Unit to retrieve it. Furthermore, Warden Shane Jackson refuses to designate an employee to pick it up or bring it back from the Mailroom on a consistent daily basis as SCDC Policy PS-10.08 (3.2), which states: "[W]hen the institution/dorm is on lockdown, the Postal Director or designee must report to each dorm/living unit to issue and/or collect legal mail only." The F-5 Unit is a 24/7 lockdown (restrictive housing unit) within Lee C.I.'s general population and Ms. Eastbridge nor any other Mailrooms employee has ever come to the F-5 Unit to issue me legal mail or pick-up my legal mail. I really need for this Honorable Court to grant me an extensions so I can file a Johnson petition to this Court. I am unlearned in the law with only a 3rd grade education. There is only one law clerk here at Lee C.I. and Warden Jackson won't allow him to come to the F-5 Unit to help me research the law. The satellite law computer is in the law library and the F-5 Unit prison guards refuses to let me out of this cell to attend the law library. Ofc. Thompson (law library Prison Guard) won't

allow me access to the law library because I don't have a pending court deadline. I need the law library access because there is heat blowing in there, a photocopy machine, artificial lights, and a table, chair, and desks for me to sit and write on. The F-5 Unit does NOT have any artificial lighting within or ~~out~~ outside of the cells. There is NO heat within this building due to this unit being built in 1999, which was constructed with NO HVAC system. There is NO heat or air conditioner system or equipment within this building. It is freezing cold in this cell and its very dark and gloomy due to NO sunlight shining in this cell. I am unable to access ANY available legal cases, statutes, or case law to research due to me not having access to the satellite law computer in the law library. I have submitted numerous requests to her C.I. administrative officials but all of my requests have fallen on deaf ears. This letter is not submitted to harass, delay, or oppress this Court ~~on~~ in any manner. However, I am respectfully requesting that you be my pillar of strength during these desperate times. Therefore, I respectfully request that this

Honorable Court grant me a 45 to 60 day extension to file a
Johnson Petition.

Respectfully,

s/ Ronald D. Michaels, Jr.

P.S. I sent a copy of this Motion to the Office of the Attorney
General on the same day, but I have yet to receive a response
from there office also.

I REALLY NEED this Extension so I can properly file a
Johnson Petition and so I can attend the law library
because Dfc. Thompson won't allow me access unless
I show proof of a pending court deadline.

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December 23, 2024

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Re: Ronald Douglas Michaux, Jr. v. State of South Carolina

Appellate Case No. 2024 - 000960

Dear Ms. Howard,

Enclosed for your file is an original copy of Petitioner's Motion
for an Extension of Time, along with a:

1) Proof of Service

Respectfully,

si Ronald D Michaux Jr

Please complete all sections of this application to the best of your ability:

Name: _____ Inmate Number: _____

Facility: _____ Housing Unit: _____

Projected Release Date: _____

What is your current education level? *(check all that apply)*

High School Diploma / GED

Some college

Associates degree

College degree

Do you have any other certifications? If yes, please list them here:

Essay

On the next page, please write a letter to the SCDC leadership about your interest in being selected to live on this unit. In your letter please address:

1. Why are you interested in living in this young adult community? What do you think makes you a strong candidate for this program?
2. This unit will operate as a community where people help each other. What are some ways you would contribute to the unit community and help other young adults living on this unit? How have you helped your peers in the past? What skills, hobbies or talents could you offer that would help the program be a success?
3. What does success look like to you? What are you most proud of and what are things you would like to improve on? Describe some goals you have for yourself now and when you leave SCDC *(for example: educational, personal growth, family, career, etc)*.

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extension of time to file a Johnson petition in this case. I have several issues that I want to raise and litigate in this case. As of this very moment, the Lee C.I.'s West Yard units are on total complete lockdown with only specific particular movement, such as; medical, dental, DHO, and occasional court appearances. There is only one law clerk and Lee C.I. administrative officials won't hire any more to work or assist in the law library. I am confined behind a locked cell door 24/7 and is only permitted to take a 20-minute shower approx. once every 10 to 14 days at a time. I have not committed any infractions to cause the West Yard units to be on 24/7 lockdown status, nor have I done anything wrong to be denied access to the law library. Furthermore, this motion is submitted in good faith and is not intended to harass or delay this Court's proceeding. I further assert that this Court should grant me a 45 to 90 day under the good cause standard pursuant to Rule 16(b)(4) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. Moreover, this Court should consider my extenuating circumstances, such as;

Young Adult Community Program Application

What is the program? The South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) has developed an exciting new program for young adults ages 18 through 25. Because this is a new program, SCDC is seeking to recruit a group of young adults to participate in this first "pilot" unit.

In this pilot program, young adults will...

- ✓ Live in a pod designated to be the young adult housing unit;
- ✓ Help design the young adult unit itself;
- ✓ Have a daily routine that more closely resembles a schedule on the outside (for instance, young adults will be out of the cell all day to participate in different activities);
- ✓ Have the opportunity to develop life skills in a therapeutic community setting;
- ✓ Be connected with mentors;
- ✓ Develop leadership skills;
- ✓ Work towards personal and professional goals through different programming and access to opportunities;
- ✓ Enhance connections with family and community supports.

How do I get into the program? SCDC will be recruiting a group of 56 young adults to participate. To qualify for this program you must...

- ✓ Be between the ages of 18-25;
- ✓ Be sentenced as a straight-time adult;
- ✓ Seek to be a good role model and source of support for your peers;
- ✓ Strive to be a leader;
- ✓ Have a desire to be in this program.

We hope that **all** young adults who feel this would be a good fit for them will apply. If you need any help completing the application or have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Next steps: If you meet this criteria and are interested in participating in this exciting opportunity, please complete this application and submit it to your Unit Manager. If you have any questions, please contact your Unit Manager.

The application is due **September 7, 2018**. The application will then be reviewed by a selection committee and you will be notified of the committee's decision before the end of September.

Thank you, and good luck on your application!

1) I am proceeding pro se; 2) is incarcerated within a restrictive housing unit (lock-up); 3) is mentally ill; and 4) is untrained in the law. In situations where a [petitioner] is proceeding pro se, is incarcerated, and is untrained in the law, the ... Court should take steps to ensure that the [petitioner] is given no less procedure than if he were proceeding with counsel. Brandon v. District of Columbia Board of Parole, 734 F.2d 1019 (3d Cir. 1980). Moreover, ... Courts "must yield consideration to the fact that ... pro se litigant[s] [are] untrained in the law." (citing Haynes v. Kermer, 404 U.S. 519, 520, 92 S.Ct. 594, 595, 30 L.Ed. 2d 652 (1972)).

Conclusion

Wherefore, based on the above-mentioned facts, Petitioner respectfully requests for this Honorable Court to grant him an Order for a 45 to 90 day extension to

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file a Johnson petition in the above-entitled case.

Bishopville, South Carolina

Dated: December 23, 2024

Respectfully,

SI Ronald D. Michaux Jr

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The Supreme Court of South Carolina

For The Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Ronald Douglas Michaux, Jr.,) Appellate Case No. 2024-000960
Petitioner,)
v.) Proof of Service
)
State of South Carolina,)
Respondent)

I certify that I have served this Petitioner's Motion for Extension of Time on the Honorable Patricia A. Howard, Clerk of Court, by depositing a copy of it in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on December 23, 2024, addressed to her office at: Post Office Box 11330, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

s/ Ronald D. Michaux, Jr.³⁶⁹
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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~~ 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 P-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

s/Ronald D. Michain Jr.

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