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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, The South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: The State of South Carolina v. Keshawn Kelley  
Appellate Case No. 2024-001682

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced appeal are due to be served and filed on February 3, 2025. The issues the State intends to raise in this State's appeal are identical to the issues it intends to raise in six additional State's appeals also originating from Barnwell County. Although notices of appeal have now been filed in six of the seven total cases, we are waiting on a court order and a notice of appeal to be filed in the seventh matter, then anticipate making a motion to consolidate this appeal with the six others. Due to that fact and a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file these documents. This is the **first** extension request in this case, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay. I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that the filing deadlines be held in abeyance while this request is pending.

Additionally, please be advised I will be representing the State in this matter. Please add my name as counsel of record and forward all future correspondence regarding this appeal directly to me.

Sincerely,

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S.C. Bar Number 8729

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cc: Robert M. Dudek, Chief Appellate Defender (via electronic mail)  
Victim Advocacy Division