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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Lexington County  
Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JUSTIN TREVON PRIDGEN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001101

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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Counsel for Justin Trevon Pridgen, respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from March 7, 2025, until April 7, 2025**, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court on March 7, 2025.
2. Counsel for Justin Trevon Pridgen respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time.
3. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of Lindy Lamont Jones v. The State before the Court of Appeals on March 5, 2025. Counsel filed the brief of appellant, designation of matter

and supplemental record on appeal in the case of The State v. Mack Gaines with the Court of Appeals on March 3, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Vernon Cooley with the Court of Appeals on February 25, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Andre Junior Covington with the Court of Appeals on February 13, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Brandon Wilson v. The State with the Supreme Court on February 11, 2025. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of Jason Allen Larson v. The State before the Court of Appeals on February 4, 2025. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant, designation of matter and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Earl Valentine with the Court of Appeals on February 3, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Tyshawn Cornelius Robinson with the Court of Appeals on January 15, 2025. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant on appeal in the case of The State v. Don Brown with the Court of Appeals on January 13, 2025.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

5. On March 3, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 31, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from March 7, 2025, until April 7, 2025**, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

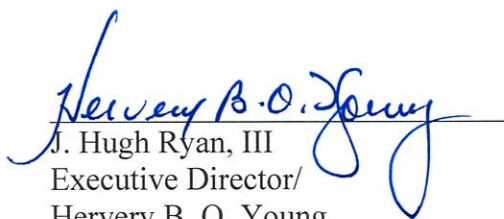
Respectfully submitted,



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This 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the motion for extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case has been served upon Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

  
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Mr. Farthing,

Please find attached for service the 4<sup>th</sup> Extension Request for the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter for Justin Trevon Pridgen's appeal which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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