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APPEAL FROM ORANGEBURG COUNTY
The Honorable Edgar W. Dickson, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2020-000451
Supreme Court Case No. 2023-01318

Rufus Rivers and Merle Rivers, pro se
Respondents

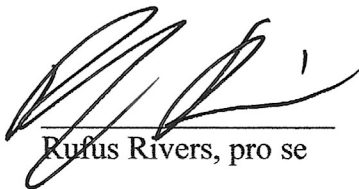
VS.

James Smith, Jr.
Petitioner

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

COMES NOW, Rufus Rivers and Merle Rivers requesting this court to grant an extension of time to file their Petition for rehearing due to special circumstances. Petitioners did not receive the official opinion of the court until 02/24/2025 after communicating with Ms. Thompson. I'd advised her that after checking c-track, it only showed opinion and no way to access it. She advised that she had sent an email with the opinion attached which never was never received. We forwarded Ms. Thompson a screenshot of c-track. A copy of the screenshot is attached to the email with this request.. Respondents have already filed their motion for rehearing as of today. We are asking the court to accept the Petition because the delay was not a petitioners' fault.

March 7, 2025


Rufus Rivers, pro se


Merle Rivers, pro se