

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from York County  
Honorable Daniel D. Hall, Circuit Court Judge  
Appellate Case No. 2024-000473

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THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

XAVIER LAMAR HOLBROOKS,

Appellant.

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**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH  
TO SERVE AND FILE INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

**I.**

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on April 7, 2025.

**II.**

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **fourth** extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. In the past few weeks, the undersigned counsel has participated in oral argument at the Supreme Court in State v. Herbert

E. Pray, III; has submitted a Return to Petition for Common Law Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court in Laurin B. Boyce v. State; and has submitted an Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter to the Court of Appeals in State v. John Edward Kronenberger and State v. Benjamin Louis Nation. Along with that, the undersigned counsel has attended to other responsibilities—including supervisory and administrative ones—in the office and has prepared for and participated in a meeting of the South Carolina Prosecutor’s Review Committee to make the probable cause determinations required by the Sexually Violent Predator Act.

**III.**

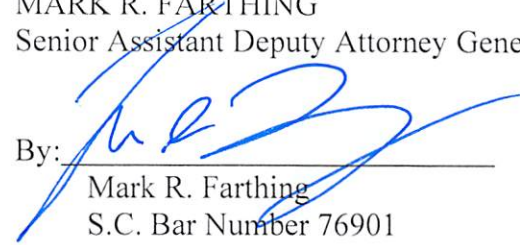
The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The Brief in the above-referenced case involves an important evidentiary issue concerning the admission of a photograph of the minor victim. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload and other issues that have required the undersigned counsel’s attention. Accordingly, to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

**WHEREFORE**, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent’s motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

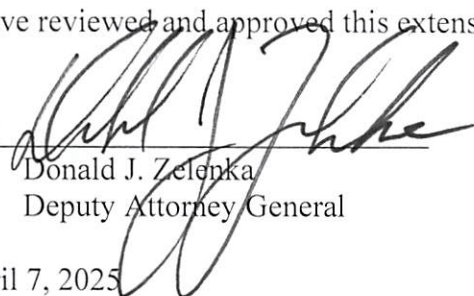
Respectfully submitted,

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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

By:   
Donald J. Zelenka  
Deputy Attorney General

April 7, 2025

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I, Caroline Collins, certify I have served the within Motion for the Fourth Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellant by sending an electronic copy via email to the address listed in AIS for the following individual:

Robert M. Dudek, Esquire  
S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense  
Office of Appellate Defense  
PO Box 11589  
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I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.  
This 7th day of April, 2025.



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CAROLINE COLLINS  
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