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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Spartanburg County

Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

LAMARCUS D. THOMPSON,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000160

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Lamarcus Thompson respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from May 12, 2025 until June 11, 2025 in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.

2. Counsel for Lamarcus Thompson respectfully submits that extraordinary

circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel is scheduled to appear for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Travis L. Gathers before the Court of Appeals on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Matthew Darazs v. The State with this Court on May 8, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of James L. Williford with this Court on May 1, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Myron Kareem Singleton with the Court of Appeals on April 23, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Tashan Carson with the Court of Appeals on April 16, 2025. Counsel appeared via WebEx to testify at the post-conviction relief evidentiary hearing in the case of Jamal Williams v. The State on April 14, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Raphael Pontoo before the Court of Appeals on April 8, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, the Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to *Austin v. State*, and the Appendix in the case of Alonzo Tarrell Jones v. The State with this Court on March 24, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Diondrae E. Jackson v. The State with this Court on March 17, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Erick M. Willard v. The State with this Court on March 13, 2025.

- 4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.
- 5. On April 30, 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 May 31, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from May 12, 2025 until June 11, 2025, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 12th day of May, 2025.