

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Greenville County

Patrick Cleburne Fant, III, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

RAHIEM JARRARD GRIFFIN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-000676

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

Counsel for Rahiem Jarrard Griffin respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from May 12, 2025 until June 11, 2025, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third 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 today.
2. Counsel appeared before this Court for Oral Argument in the case of The State v.

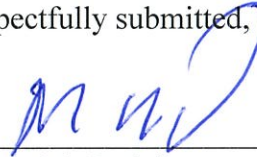
James M. Brown on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Bowen Turner with the Supreme Court on April 25, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Gregory G. Benjamin with this Court on April 30, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Anthony Dayon Best v. The State with the Supreme Court on Friday, April 18, 2025. Counsel was scheduled to appear for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Anijah Yarnell before this Court on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of William Anthony Wallace v. The State on April 11, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Lavon Julius with this Court on Friday, April 4, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Jonathan Paul Poston with this Court on March 26, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. D'Quan Lamar Bolton with this Court on March 26, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Leslie Twyman v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 21, 2025. **Counsel also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including attempting to hire another Appellate Defender and an administrative assistant, while carrying a full caseload.**

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. 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-day extension from May 12, 2025 until June 11, 2025. 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,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 12th day of May, 2025.

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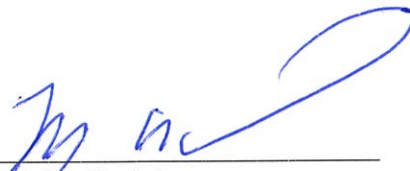
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 12th day of May, 2025.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT