

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Greenville County

Patrick Cleburne Fant, III, Circuit Court Judge

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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 **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from June 11, 2025 until July 11, 2025**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. 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 today.

2. Counsel for Rahiem Jarrard Griffin 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 his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the Memorandum on Appealability in the case of The State v. Casey Douglas with this Court on Monday, June 9, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of William Tyrone Tate v. The State with the Supreme Court on Friday, June 6, 2025. Counsel filed the Reply to Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Bowen Gray Turner with the Supreme Court on Monday, June 2, 2025. Counsel is also working on the Brief of Respondent in the case of State v. Kierin Dennis, which will be filed in the Supreme Court on June 23, 2025 or shortly thereafter. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Tyriese Robinson with this Court on May 22, 2025. 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 also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including attempting to hire another Appellate Defender while carrying a full caseload.**

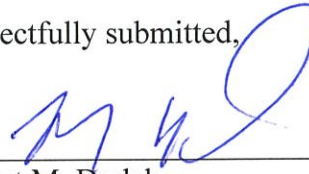
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel

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.

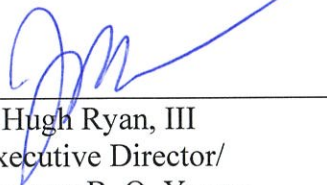
5. On May 30, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through June 30, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from June 11, 2025 until July 11, 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



J. Hugh Ryan, III
Executive Director/
Hervery B. O. Young
Deputy Director and General Counsel/
W. Lawrence Brown
Deputy General Counsel and Training Director

This 11th day of June, 2025.

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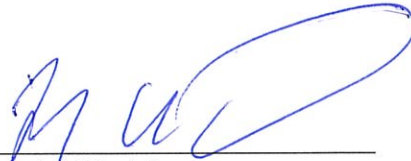
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 11th day of June, 2025.



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