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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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 **fifth thirty (30) day extension from July 11, 2025, until August 11, 2025**, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. This is a fifth request for an extension based on the exigency below.

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court on July 11, 2025.

2. Counsel for Rahiem Jarrard Griffin respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. **Up until this point, Mr. Griffin was represented by Chief Appellate Defender Robert M. Dudek who**

unexpectedly passed away last week. Undersigned counsel requires sufficient time in order to research and prepare the initial brief of appellant on behalf of Mr. Griffin.

3. Counsel filed the brief of appellant pursuant to White v. State in the case of Shelly Faulling v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 9, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Shelly Faulling v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 9, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of respondent in the case of The State v. John Wilson Williamson, III, et al. with the Court of Appeals on July 7, 2025. Counsel filed the reply to return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Edward Bonilla v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 18, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Zachir McCall with the Court of Appeals on June 12, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Myron Cannon v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 6, 2025. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Thomas Eric McDowell with the Court of Appeals on May 27, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Matthew Moon with the Court of Appeals on May 23, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Craig Lamar Edwards with the Court of Appeals on May 19, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Abin Lee Lowman v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 12, 2025.

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

5. On June 29, 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 July 31, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **fifth thirty (30) day extension from July 11, 2025, until August 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. 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.

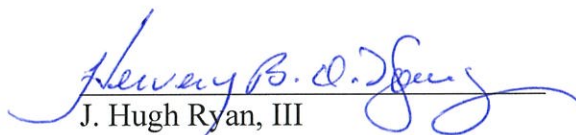
Respectfully submitted,



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This 11th day of July, 2025.

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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 of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter 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 July, 2025.



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Ms. Brown,

Please find attached for service the 5th Extension Request for the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter for Rahiem Jarrard Griffin's appeal which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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