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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Bamberg County
The Honorable Courtney Clyburn-Pope, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

DEAN TROY STEVENS,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2024-000648

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

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to extension requests through July 31, 2025. This is a 4th extension request. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

Respondent's Initial Brief is due Monday, July 28, 2025. The undersigned attorney has had a number of state and federal matters to attend since June 24, 2025 and has been unable to complete this brief. Specifically,

1. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Respondent in the matter of The State vs. Kenneth Glenn Lewis, Appellate Case No. 2024-000488, a Spartanburg County direct appeal matter now pending in the South Carolina Court of Appeals on **June 30, 2025**;

2. Counsel filed the Reply Brief of Petitioner in the matter of The State vs. Kierin M. Dennis, Appellate Case No. 2024-002019. A Lexington County direct appeal matter now pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court on **July 7, 2025**;

3. Counsel filed the Respondent's Reply to Response in Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment [ECF #47] in the matter of Jerry Simpson vs. Warden of Trenton Correctional Institution, C/A No. 5:24-cv-6946-JFA-KDW on **July 14, 2025**;

4. Counsel also filed the Reply to Objections to Report and Recommendation [ECF #26] in the matter of Fonnelze T. Delane vs. Shane Jackson, Warden Lee Correctional Institution, C/A No. 5:24-cv-5907-SAL-KDW on **July 21, 2025**;

5. Counsel filed the Final Brief of Respondent in the matter of The State vs. Algernard D. Young, Appellate Case No. 2023-000994, a Charleston County direct appeal now pending in the South Carolina Court of Appeals on **July 22, 2025**;

6. Counsel is currently preparing for the capital post-conviction relief hearing in the Lexington county matter of Norman Starnes vs. State of South Carolina, C/A, 2011-CP-32-830. Same is currently scheduled for Monday, **July 28, 2025**; and

7. Counsel has been involved in working **on other matters in state and federal court.**

WHEREFORE, for extraordinary circumstances, counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter. This request is made in good faith, and not for the purposes of delay. This is a 4th extension request and will make the Respondent's Initial Brief due on August 27, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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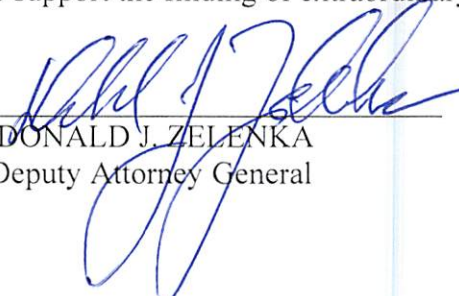
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, **J. Anthony Mabry**, attorney for the Respondent, hereby certify that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the Motion for a Fourth Extension of Time to File the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter, have been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esq. and to her assistant via email today, July 25, 2025 to khudgins@sccid.sc.gov and to cstock@sccid.sc.gov.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 25th day of July, 2025.

s/J. Anthony Mabry
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