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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(via e-filing only - [suptfilings@sccourts.org](mailto:suptfilings@sccourts.org))

**Re: Weldon W. Stewart, Jr. #295095 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2025-000136**

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. Respondent respectfully requests a first, thirty-day extension to serve and file this return based on the heavy caseload of undersigned counsel.

Please let me know if I can provide the Court with any additional information regarding this first extension request.

Sincerely,

D. Russell Barlow II  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 105228

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cc: Weldon W. Stewart, Jr. #295095