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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Charleston County

Honorable Jocelyn J. Newman, Circuit Court Judge

MARK LORENZO BLAKE, JR.,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000420

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Mark Lorenzo Blake respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from August 20, 2025 until September 19, 2025 in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Mark Lorenzo Blake 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 her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Michael Valdario with the Court of Appeals on August 15, 2025. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Tirik Jaquan Johnson-Epps with this Court on August 7, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Jason C. Palmer with the Court of Appeals on July 30, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Ariel Robinson with this Court on July 28, 2025. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Samir Kevin Shank with this Court on July 25, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Devonte Anderson v. The State with this Court on July 18, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Bouvia Sales v. The State with this Court on July 18, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. James Curry with the Court of Appeals on July 7, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Rico Funderburk with the Court of Appeals on June 26, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Terry S. Tyler with the Court of Appeals on June 26, 2025.

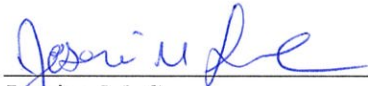
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

5. On July 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

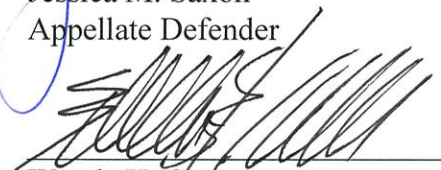
Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through August 30, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from August 20, 2025 until September 19, 2025, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 20th day of August, 2025.