

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Spartanburg County
Honorable Heath P. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000361

KESHAWN M. RICE,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

**MOTION TO FILE EXTENSION REQUEST OUT OF TIME
AND
MOTION FOR FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO SERVE AND FILE
RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

Based on a notification received from judicial staff earlier today, the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal was due to be served and filed on August 18, 2025. However, due to an inadvertent calendaring oversight, counsel for the State was not aware of the due date and mistakenly failed to file the return on August 18, 2025. As a result of that unfortunate oversight, the State respectfully asks this Court to relax the requirements of Rule 243(g) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and permit the State to file a motion for a first extension of thirty (30) days within which to serve and file the Return to Petition for a Writ of Certiorari out of time. See Rule 263(b), SCACR (“The time prescribed by these Rules for

performing any act except the time for serving the notice of appeal under Rule 203 and 243 may be extended or shortened by the appellate court, or by any judge or justice thereof.”). The undersigned counsel apologizes for any inconvenience this request has caused to the Court and to the Petitioner and does not believe this request will result in any prejudice to the Petitioner should it be granted.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays the Court relax the requirements of Rule 243(g), SCACR and accept the filing of the Motion to File Extension Request Out of Time and a first, thirty (30) day extension to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

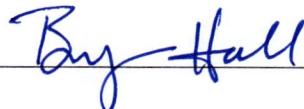
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