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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Patrick C. Fant, III, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-000367

The State of South Carolina Respondent,
v.
Zachary David Hughes Appellant.

SECOND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Zachary David Hughes moves this Court for a 30-day extension of time to file his initial brief. Hughes' current deadline is September 10, 2025. In support of this Motion, he would show the following:

- On February 20, 2025, a jury convicted Hughes of multiple offenses, including murder, and the trial court sentenced him to life imprisonment after a prosecution that lasted more than three years and a trial proceeding that lasted ten days;
- On July 10, 2025, counsel for Hughes received the transcript. The transcript, with its accompanying attachments and/or exhibits, comprises 1,172 pages. The transcript commemorates jury selection, the parties' arguments and the trial court's rulings on multiple motions that were made both pretrial and during the trial, the testimony of approximately 35 witnesses, both before the jury and under proffer, objections the parties made during this testimony and the trial court's ruling on these objections, jury instructions conferences, the parties' closing arguments, and the trial court's

sentencing of Mr. Hughes. Additionally, the transcript commemorates discussion in connection with in excess of 200 exhibits.

- In reviewing the transcript, counsel for Mr. Hughes have identified in excess of ten issues they believe have merit and will be raised on appeal;
- Mr. Hughes is currently being housed in Lieber Correctional Institute, which is located approximately 183 miles from counsel for Hughes' office, and they would like an opportunity to visit with him as they get closer to concluding the initial brief to ensure he understands the arguments counsel will be making on his behalf and to obtain his input on these arguments.
- Counsel for Mr. Hughes contacted the State on September 8, 2025, and the State graciously consented to this Motion for Extension.

For the foregoing reasons, Mr. Hughes requests a 30-day extension from September 10, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that on this, the 9th day of September, 2025, Appellant's Second Motion for Extension of Time was served on the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office and the South Carolina Attorney General's Office by email and/or US Mail.

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