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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Abbeville County

Frank R. Addy, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

APPELLANT,

V.

RI'SHON KELTARIAN GILLIAM,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001400  
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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
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Counsels for Ri'Shon Keltarian Gilliam respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from October 27, 2025 until November 26, 2025**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsels show:

1. The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court today.

2. Counsels for Ri'Shon Keltarian Gilliam respectfully submit 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 counsels attempt to manage their caseloads, counsels hope that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel Keegan is scheduled to appear for Oral Argument in the murder case of Mason C. Yarborough v. The State before this Court on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Counsel attended the mandatory Annual South Carolina Public Defender Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from October 6-8, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Jacob D. Drotning v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 23, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Stacy Murray v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 8, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Adam Thomas Byrum v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 5, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Willis Terrel Ivey with this Court on September 4, 2025.

4. Counsel Norville filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Roderick D. Tate v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 14, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Rashad Montrell Harvin with this Court on October 9, 2025. Counsel attended the mandatory Annual South Carolina Public Defender Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from October 6-8, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Jorge Rodriguez v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 30, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Tai'Yuan Ja'Rel Jackson

with this Court on September 26, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Leslie Davis v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 24, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Joseph Russell Umphlett v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 23, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Robert Daniel Mistretta with this Court on September 12, 2025.

5. Counsels make this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsels intend to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

6. On September 25, 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 October 31, 2025.

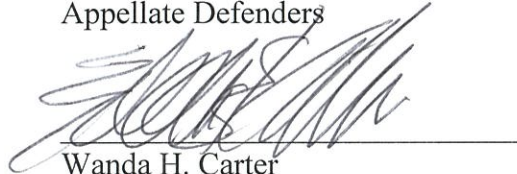
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from October 27, 2025 until November 26, 2025**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



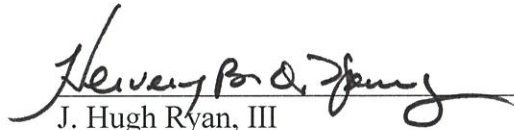
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This 27th day of October, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Joshua A. Edwards, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 27th day of October, 2025.



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Molly M. Keegan  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

**Warren, Kaylynn**

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**From:** Warren, Kaylynn  
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Good Afternoon,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the Fourth Motion for Extension which will be filed today, October 27, 2025, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn

**Kaylynn Warren**

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