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VIA FACSIMILE AND U. S. MAIL

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Ex Parte: Tara Dawn Shurling, Attorney, Appellant.
In Re: State of South Carolina v. Bejay Harley
Appellate Case No. 2013-001298

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

My Initial Brief of Appellant in the above captioned matter was due for filing on October 3, 2013. That day I mailed a request for a fourth extension due to a number of scheduling problems and some personal illness. I subsequently received an Order from the Court giving me fifteen (15) days from the date of that Order which was October 23, 2013, to file my Brief along with a Motion to File Out of Time.

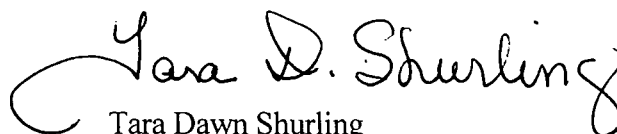
As you know I had an oral argument scheduled for this past Monday which was rescheduled for Tuesday due to Judge Williams' funeral. While I was at the Court of Appeals on Tuesday I saw Judge Few in the library adjacent to the courtroom. We spoke briefly about my medical issues and he was gracious enough to say that if I needed a little more time the Court would work with me on it. At that time, I honestly didn't think I would have to take him up on his kind offer. Unfortunately, I ended tied up in Court much of the day yesterday and unexpectedly had to spend a good bit of my day today on a last minute request from the Solicitor's Office to use one of my clients as a witness in a murder trial which is in progress in Richland County. Ironically, I am hosting a fundraiser for Solicitor Dan Johnson at my home this evening. Between all these things it has proven literally impossible for me to finish up this Initial Brief. Fortunately, the brief is nearly complete and I should have adequate time this weekend to finish it. In an abundance of caution, I am asking for five (5) additional days in which to complete this brief which would make it due this coming Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

I am dictating this letter to my paralegal by phone on my way back from the courthouse so I have asked that she sign it for me. This time to be on the safe side, I am asking that she fax a copy of

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this letter to the Court before putting the hard-copy in the mail. My staff attempted to contact Hugh Ryan for me earlier today. I don't believe anyone was able to speak with him, however I have sent him an email explaining my situation and will email him a copy of this letter this afternoon. I am extremely grateful for the Court's kindness in this matter. Thank you. I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara D. Shurling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tara Dawn Shurling
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cc: The Honorable John C. Few, Chief Justice of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
J. Hugh Ryan, III, Deputy Director and General Counsel, SCCID