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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to Spartanburg County
Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-000160

LEMARCUS D. THOMPSON, #374348,

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

**MOTION FOR A FOURTH EXTENSION TO SERVE AND FILE THE
RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

Counsel for Respondent respectfully moves for a fourth and final extension of thirty (30) days in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case. In support of this request, Counsel shows¹:

1. The Return to Petition for a Writ of Certiorari was due to be served and filed with the Court on November 24, 2025.

¹ In compliance with: In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases. (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

2. Counsel for Respondent respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant the granting of an additional time extension. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her heavy caseload, Counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.
3. Counsel had a term of court on October 27-31, 2025, in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, in which Counsel is preparing orders.
4. Counsel had a term of court on November 17-21, 2025, in the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in which Counsel is preparing orders.
5. In the last month, Counsel has had multiple PCR filings due with the lower courts in the Seventh and Eleventh Judicial Circuits.
6. This extension request is made in good faith and not intended for delay, but rather due to Counsel's heavy workload and to ensure the return is properly researched and prepared.
7. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

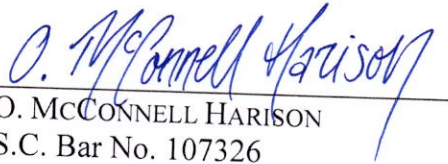
Respectfully Submitted,

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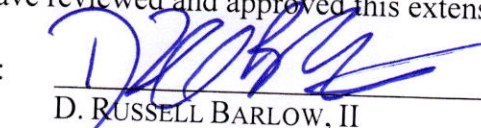


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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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