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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County
Honorable Jocelyn Newman, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2024-002003

THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

ONTARIO LAMAR STALEY,

Appellant.

**MOTION FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH
TO SERVE AND FILE INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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

I.

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on December 3, 2025.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **third** extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. In the past month, the undersigned counsel had a guilty plea in Anderson County (State v. Nicholas Posey), attended four out of

county victim meetings (State v. Maria Steipel; State v. James Carter; State v. Jaylin Mitchell; State v. Juan Rodriguez), conducted two trainings, three court appearances, and received and reviewed discovery for three new ICAC cases (State v. John Cottrell; State v. Dakota Pratt, State v. Terry Ashford).

III.

The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by good cause and is not intended for purposes of delay. The Brief in the above-referenced case involves two important issues including one regarding whether the trial court abused its discretion by admitting exhibits 19, 20, 21, and 22 as domestic business records under S.C. Code Ann. 19-5-520. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload and other issues that have required the undersigned counsel's attention. Accordingly, to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent's motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

ALAN WILSON
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Assistant Attorney General

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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

By: _____

Mark R. Farthing
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Caroline Collins, certify I have served the within Motion for the Third Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellant by sending an electronic copy via email to the address listed in AIS for the following individual:

Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire
S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense
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I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.
This 3rd day of December, 2025.



CAROLINE COLLINS
Administrative Support Manager
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