

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Fairfield County

Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MERCURY LAMONT WILLIAMSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001309

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Mercury L. Williamson respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. Counsel filed the Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Ronnie C. Swofford v. State with the Supreme Court on November 26, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Terry Gridine before the


Supreme Court on November 18, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Genari McNeil before the Court of Appeals on November 12, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Marcus D. Batson with the Court of Appeals on October 23, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Shontrell L. Blyther with the Court of Appeals on October 22, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Ruben Ramirez with the Court of Appeals on October 16, 2025. Counsel attended and presented at the Annual South Carolina Public Defender Conference from October 6-8, 2025.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends 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.

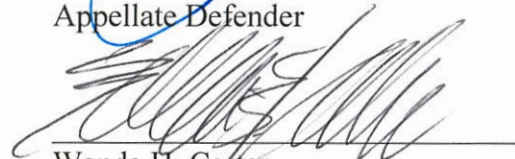
4. On November 26, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through January 5, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 3rd day of December, 2025.

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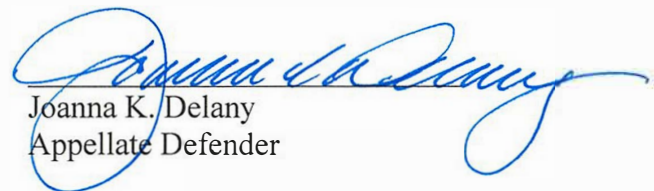
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 3rd day of December, 2025.



Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Good Afternoon Mr. Farthing,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the third motion for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, December 3, 2025, via email filing.

Thank you!

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