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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Horry County

Honorable Dale Van Slambrook, Circuit Court Judge

MICHAEL J. WALTON,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001516

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION TO SERVE AND FILE
THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Michael Walton respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, from December 10, 2025, until January 9, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix 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 Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.

2. Counsel for Michael Walton respectfully submits 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 counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

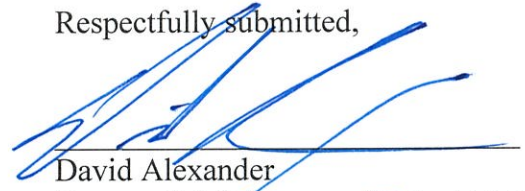
3. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Akevious Dayquan Lindsey with the Court of Appeals on December 3, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Adam D. Lawless with the Court of Appeals on November 20, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Ryan O'Neil Woodruff with the Court of Appeals on November 19, 2025. Counsel had an oral argument in The State v. William McKinney before the Court of Appeals on November 12, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of Desmond Green v. The State with the Court of Appeals on November 10, 2025. Counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Phillip Lawson before the Court of Appeals on November 6, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Lonnie Miller v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 4, 2025. From October 27-29, counsel had jury duty and served as a juror on the trial of a civil matter in the Court of Common Pleas in Richland County. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Kenneth Dawson with the Court of Appeals on October 22, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and the accompanying Appendix in the case of Jason Ervin Black v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 17, 2025.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

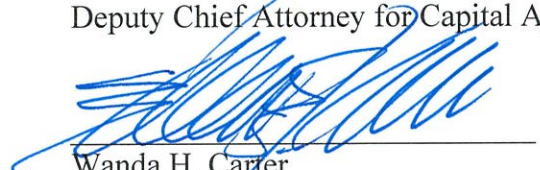
5. On November 26, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through January 5, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension from December 10, 2025, until January 9, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 10th day of December 2025.