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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Greenville County
The Honorable Patrick Cleburne Fant, III, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

RAHIEM JARRARD GRIFFIN,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2024-000676

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to all extensions through December 31, 2025. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are due today, December 17, 2025, as per this Court's Order granting Respondent's third extension request. The undersigned attorney for the Respondent has had a number of state and federal matters to attend to since November 2025. Specifically,

1. Counsel is working on the Initial Brief & Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. William Ackerman, Appellate Case no. 2024-001749, due today, December 17, 2025, a matter

pending in this Court;

2. Counsel completed and filed the Brief of Petitioner & Appendix on November 20, 2025, in the matter of The State v. Quinterris Javon Carmichael, Appellate Case No. 2025-001214, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;

3. Counsel completed and filed the Brief of Petitioner & Appendix, on November 20, 2025, in the matter of The State v. Tirik Jaquan Johnson-Epps, Appellate Case No. 2025-001215, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;

4. Counsel prepared and filed the Motion for Summary Judgment and the Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment (with attachments) on November 24, 2025, in the matter of Jaycoby Terreak Williams v. Warden, Kershaw Correctional Institution, Case No. 0:25-6111-CMC-PJG, a matter pending in the District Court;

5. Counsel is conducting discovery and trial preparation for a capital Post-Conviction Relief Hearing scheduled for January 12, 2026, in the matter of Luzenskie Cottrell v. State of South Carolina, Case No. 2018-CP-26-05709;

6. Counsel prepared and filed the Reply to Response to Motion for Summary Judgment on December 12, 2025 in the matter of Franklin Dover v. Warden John Palmer, a Federal Habeas case pending in the District Court;

7. Counsel traveled to Texas to attend a family funeral from December 12 through December 15, 2025.

8. Counsel is working on other state and federal matters, and this request is not made for the purpose of delay but due to the foregoing.

WHEREFORE, counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve

and file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, too, support the finding of good cause.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, W. Joseph Maye, certify that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the fourth extension to file the Initial Brief of Respondent, Designation of Matter and Proof of Service have been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Jordan Millen Wayburn via email today, December 17, 2025 to jwayburn@sccid.sc.gov and to Mr. Wayburn's assistant, Chris Stock, to cstock@sccid.sc.gov.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This is the 17th day of December 2025.

s/W. Joseph Maye

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Dear Mr. Wayburn,

Please find attached the Respondent's Fourth Motion for Extension to file the Initial Brief & Designation of Matter. These documents will be filed today, December 17, 2025 with the South Carolina Court of Appeals, along with a copy of this email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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