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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Abbeville County

Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

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KARLITA DESEAN PHILLIPS,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001346

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

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Counsel for Karlita Phillips respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from December 29, 2025 until January 27, 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 second 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 Karlita Phillips 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 Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Brandon Lee Corder on December 15, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Christopher Longshore with the Court of Appeals on December 5, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Philip Scott Steele with the Court of Appeals on December 1, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Terry Allen Paige, Jr. with the Court of Appeals on December 1, 2025. Counsel with co-counsel Molly Keegan filed the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Ri'Shon Keltarian Gilliam with the Court of Appeals on November 26, 2025.

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

5. On November 25, 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 (30) day extension from December 29, 2025 until January 27, 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 serving and 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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W. Chandler Norville  
Appellate Defender



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Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 29th day of December, 2025.