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January 2, 2026

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Jason E. Barnes
Appellate Case No. 2025-001361

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case are due to be served and filed today. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of this deadline. No prior extensions have been requested in this case.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lara M. Caudy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lara M. Caudy
Senior Appellate Defender

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Good Afternoon Ms. Brown,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the first 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, January 2, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you!

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