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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Horry County

B. Alex Hyman, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

CHARLES MURPHY,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000135

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

Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from January 6, 2026, until February 5, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth 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 with the Court today.
2. Counsel for appellant respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions

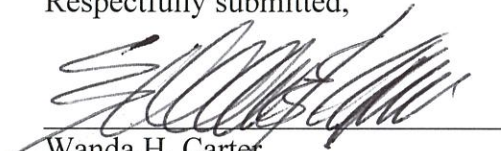
previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel will file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jerod Goodwin with the Court of Appeals, today, January 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Frank Lawson with the Court of Appeals on December 30, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jermaine Culver with the Court of Appeals on December 17, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. John M. Ghent, Jr., with the Supreme Court on November 14, 2025. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix and in the case of Leonard L. Foster v. State with the Supreme Court on October 29, 2025. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Isaiah Holmes with the Court of Appeals on October 27, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Sidney Holmes v. State with the Court of Appeals on October 23, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of State v. Shanekia R. Garvin with the Supreme Court on October 2, 2025.

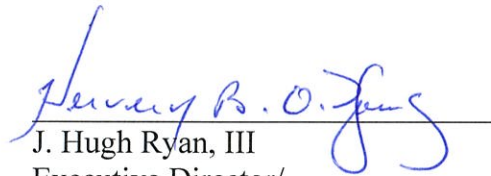
4. On January 2, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through February 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from January 6, 2026 until February 5, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender



J. Hugh Ryan, III
Executive Director/
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Deputy Director and General Counsel/
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This 6th day of January, 2026.

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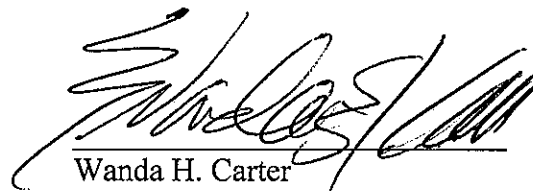
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 6th day of January, 2026.



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Subject: 2025-000135 - State v. Charles Murphy - Extension 4
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Dear Ms. Brown,

Attached please find a fourth extension in the above referenced case that is being filed today with the Court of Appeals.

-Scott Leverett
Admin. Asst. for Wanda Carter
Appellate Defense

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