

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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**SC Court of Appeals**

Appeal from Richland County  
Honorable Jocelyn Newman, Circuit Court Judge  
Appellate Case No. 2024-002003

THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

ONTARIO LAMAR STALEY,

Appellant.

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

Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

**I.**

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on January 6, 2025.

**II.**

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **fourth** extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. In the past month, the undersigned counsel has been preparing for a trial in Spartanburg County set to begin the week of January 12,

2026 and has been assigned 14 new cases, State v. Jonathan Cain, State v. David Poe, State v. Anthony Porter, State v. Lashon Ladson, State v. Kwame Vereen, State v. Brittany Jackson, State v. Arthur Antoine, State v. Laura Antoine, State v. Donald McKinney, State v. Amber Boan, State v. Kamy McQueen, State v. Kevin Barbato, State v. Jonathan Belt, and State v. Jason Hipp.

**III.**

The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The Brief in the above-referenced case involves two important issues including one regarding whether the trial court abused its discretion by admitting exhibits 19, 20, 21, and 22 as domestic business records under S.C. Code Ann. 19-5-520. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload and other issues that have required the undersigned counsel’s attention. Accordingly, to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

**WHEREFORE**, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent’s motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

ALAN WILSON  
Attorney General

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Megan E. Raymer  
S.C. Bar Number 103773

I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Don Zelenka  
Deputy Attorney General

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I, Angela Brown, certify I have served the within Motion for the Fourth Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellant by sending an electronic copy via email to the address listed in AIS for the following individual:

Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire  
S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense  
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I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.  
This 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.



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ANGELA BROWN  
Administrative Coordinator  
Office of the Attorney General

**Angela Brown**

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Counsel, please find attached the state's motion for an extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in reference to the above appeal. The motion will be electronically filed with the Court of Appeals on today's date.

Thank you,

**Angela Bennett Brown, Administrative Coordinator II**  
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